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Cash control by Whitehall proposed in rates reform

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A significant change in government funding of local councils, with Whitehall having a direct say in how hundreds of millions of pounds are spent by town halls in the worst-off areas of Britain, is being considered by ministers as part of the rates shake-up.

Under the proposed scheme, which is understood to have the backing of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, local authorities would receive a minimum central government grant calculated according to basic local criteria, such as population size and school numbers.

But, more important, there would not, as at present, be an additional automatic "needs" payment to many councils to take account of local difficulties such as bad housing.

Instead councils in the worst off regions, such as Lambeth and Hackney in London and Liverpool would only receive extra cash to tackle deprivation after agreeing in broad outline with Whitehall how the money was to be spent.

The proposed new "partnership" is being likened to a huge re-amping of the existing urban aid programme, which this year will pump £338 million of government cash into approved projects in deprived areas of London, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Manchester and Birmingham.

Although the plan will lead to accusations that local government powers would be further eroded, its supporters say it would permit the scrapping of targets, grant assessments and penalties used to control the growth of council spending.

It is also argued that central funds could be directed more effectively on areas of greatest need in the inner cities.



Ruth Lawrence and her father, Mr Harry Lawrence outside the Examination Schools in Oxford yesterday where she heard that she had gained a first-class degree.

Degree for 13-year-old at Oxford

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Ruth Lawrence aged 13, the mathematics prodigy from Huddersfield who won a scholarship to St Hugh's College, Oxford when she was 10 has been awarded a first class degree. It took her two years, instead of the usual three and her results were posted yesterday at the Examination Schools in Oxford.

She also learnt that she had won a £100 prize and was one of two mathematics students specially commended.

She will have to wait another year before she can collect her degree, to satisfy the university's requirement of three years' residence in Oxford.

The girl sat eight examination papers in four days last month and received higher marks than any of the other 191 candidates. She said after hearing the news of her first: "I am just very pleased. I don't think I am a genius. It comes out of a lot of hard work."

She intends to stay in Oxford for at least another three years to do research.

Mr Harry Lawrence her father, said: "I am very happy that we have done ourselves justice. It is a vindication of what we have done. Ruth is happy and has always been happy."

Dr Mary Lunn, vice principal of St Hugh's, who is the girl's tutor, said: "It was a staggering performance. Ruth is exhausting and it takes all my time to keep up with her."

Ruth Lawrence passed O-level mathematics at nine and gained a grade A at A-level a year later.

Jobless fall 'best for five years'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Unemployment fell by an unexpected amount last month, described by the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Tom King, as the best for more than five years.

The total, including school leavers entitled to claim benefit, was down 62,365 to 3,178,582 - the lowest level since August last year. The figure does not include 104,116 non-claimant school leavers, who do not enter the count until they become entitled to benefit in September.

However, last month's total for non-claimant school leavers was nearly 20,000 lower than June last year.

The adult unemployment total, seasonally adjusted, fell by 7,400 to 3,169,000, or 13.1 per cent of the workforce. This was the biggest monthly fall since August 1979, and only the third drop since the beginning of 1980. The adult total is the best guide to underlying trends.

Department of Employment officials said that the underlying trend was still upwards, despite the June fall, and that unemployment was rising by 10,000 to 15,000 a month.

Mr King was more optimistic, both about the unemployment fall and news of a 7,000 rise in seasonally adjusted vacancies to 174,800, the highest since March 1980.

"These are only one month's figures and it is too soon to draw any conclusions about the future trend but this is clearly good news and I welcome it", he said.

Mr Jon Shields, director of the recently created Charter for Jobs, attacked Mr King's interpretation of the figures and contrasted it with his description of the 28,200 increase in April as erratic. "Isn't it about time we had some consistency and honesty in describing what is happening to unemployment?" Mr Shields said.

The Liberal leader, Mr David Steel, said there was "not one sign of hope or recovery" in the figures.

Labour's employment spokesman, Mr John Prescott, said: "The apparent reduction in the figures is at the expense of 104,000 young people prevented from registering as unemployed."

Mr John Caff, economics director of the Confederation of British Industry, called the figures a respite, and emphasized the need for lower pay rises and interest rate cuts.

The unemployment total, including claimant school leavers, normally falls in June, by about 54,000. This is followed by a July rise, of about 59,000. The main interest during the summer months will be in the underlying trend of adult unemployment.

The Budget job measures, including the 100,000 extension to 230,000, in community programme places will affect the figures in the coming months. Around a third of the rise in vacancies last month was due to extra community programme places.

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Brecon result likely to be close

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

With a few hours remaining before the close of polls, party officials last night predicted an extremely high turnout in the Brecon and Radnor by-election.

After a campaign which has caused intense local interest, it was being estimated that more than 80 per cent of the constituency's 48,000 electors would have voted.

The indications from both the Labour and Alliance camps was that the result would be far closer than recent opinion polls have been suggesting.

Scargill wins vote on job for life

From Our Labour Editor, Sheffield

The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday scrapped its 41-year-old rule book and approved a new constitution which will concentrate power at the centre and guarantees the right of Mr Arthur Scargill to remain president until 2003.

The decision by a majority of 75 per cent at the union's Sheffield rules revision conference, is a decisive step towards the split in the union threatened by the refusal of the Nottinghamshire area, the second biggest in the NUM, to accept the sweeping constitutional changes.

All but one of the 15 Nottinghamshire delegates walked out of the conference after the closed session decision to approve the new 30-point rule book. Nottinghamshire leaders had a mandate from members, approved by 76 per cent in a ballot vote, to reject the rule changes.

Most of the new powers, with which the rule-book has armed the executive and the union's national officials, now seem certain to be confirmed when the closed session continues its examination of proposed amendments to the new constitution in Sheffield today.

The only amendment which in yesterday's 5½ hour session attracted the two-thirds majority now needed to vote down any of the new rules was that creating a new category of associate membership.

By a single vote the proposal, mainly aimed at bringing women's support group into membership of the union, although without voting rights, was voted down. A parallel proposal, however, creating a new class of honorary membership was approved.

Among the changes which survived amendment yesterday was one which puts Mr Scargill completely beyond the reach of the 1984 Trade Union Act requirement for union leaders to submit themselves to re-election every five years. It is now explicitly stated that the president has no casting vote in any capacity and the Act applies

Thatcher 'value to Labour'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock said last night that he hoped the Conservative Party would not ditch Mrs Margaret Thatcher in the run up to the next election, because she would make the difference between Labour winning nicely and winning well (our Political Correspondent writes).

He told journalists at Westminster: "She's worth about 20 more seats to us in a general election."

Speaking with confidence of a Labour victory in today's Brecon and Radnor by-election result, he said that there had been a total collapse of the Conservative vote, partly because the Tory's greatest strength, Mrs Thatcher, had become their greatest weakness. "With a vengeance", because people were blaming her for their feeling of ill-being.

"When today she talked in the Commons of Bills to protect endangered species, I said: 'I beg to move, Mr Speaker'. I hope they don't get rid of her," Mr Kinnock said. He also suggested that ministers were having second thoughts on an early decision to televise the Commons, because of sensitivity about Mrs Thatcher's public image.

Government sources had said earlier that there could be no early introduction of television cameras into the chamber of the House, because details would first have to be sorted out by a special select committee of MPs, once approval had been secured on the principle of televised proceedings in the autumn.

Mr Kinnock said: "They are very jumpy about everything." Asked directly whether he thought that Mrs Thatcher's image was giving ministers cause for second thoughts about Commons television, he said: "In glorious technicolour, I think they are probably very sensitive about that. I think that they have every reason to be so - and I think tomorrow they will have even more reason."

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Spanish minister quits in crisis

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's Socialist Government was shaken by a major crisis last night as Prime Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, disclosed that his Economics Minister, Señor Miguel Boyer, had resigned because he could not get his way in a Cabinet reshuffle.

His departure was the big surprise of the Cabinet changes, which had been presented as strengthening the position of Señor Boyer, author of a strictly orthodox financial policy. It showed how serious was the disagreement between him and those in the Government who favour a more traditional left-wing approach.

The crisis came only a day after Señor Gonzalez dismissed Señor Fernando Morán, his Foreign Minister, at the height of his fame after concluding Spain's EEC entry negotiations. Señor Morán

Remand for eight on terror charges

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Four men, including the man charged with the Brighton bombing, and four women were yesterday remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Lambeth, south London, accused of offences under the Prevention of Terrorism or Explosives Substances Acts.

Seven of the accused appeared at the court on Monday. They were joined yesterday by Mrs Frances Boyle, aged 53, who was brought down from Glasgow, and is charged under the Prevention of Terrorism Act with failing to give information to the police.

Strict security was enforced in and around the court. The accused were brought to Lambeth in heavily guarded convoys.

Patrick Joseph Magee, aged 34, is charged with the bomb attack at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, five counts of murder relating to the victims of the bomb attack, an explosives case dating back to 1979, and conspiracy to cause explosions this year.

The others charged with the conspiracy between January 1 and June 22 are Gerald Patrick McDonnell, aged 34; Peter John Joseph Sherry, aged 30; Marina Elizabeth Anderson, aged 26; and Donald Dominic Craig, aged 27. Una Agnes Cecilia Lowney, aged 21, is charged with failing to give information to the police on terrorism.

The hearing was presided over by Sir Bryan Roberts as stipendiary magistrate. All eight were remanded to appear again on the morning of July 11.

At the end of the hearing Sir Bryan warned press and television about their coverage of the proceedings. They should make sure they complied with the law relating to contempt and defamation of character and should do nothing to prejudice a fair trial, he said.

A spokesman for the Director of Public Prosecutions said yesterday that a report by *The London Standard* on Wednesday about security arrangements at the court would be reported to the Attorney General.

8 nations overcome famine

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Eight African countries - Burundi, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe - are no longer suffering from drought and famine, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says in its latest African food crisis report issued here today.

In these countries, the drought has broken, weather conditions are favourable for the coming harvest, and food supplies are back to normal.

Another 13 countries are still experiencing famine, and the FAO calls for urgent efforts to overcome logistical problems in moving famine relief food to Chad, Ethiopia, Mali, Niger and Sudan. Port congestion and lack of internal transport facilities are a large part of these problems.

In Ethiopia, the FAO says, there is a backlog of more than 200,000 tons of cereals at Red Sea ports of Assab and Massawa, because many roads in the interior are impassable and there is a shortage of vehicles.

Lords reject 'opting out' corporal punishment Bill

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Government's much criticized Bill which would allow parents in State schools to opt out of corporal punishment for their children expired in the House of Lords yesterday under a cross-party barrage.

It will not be revived in the present parliamentary session, and ministers last night could see no prospect of success for a similar Bill in the next or any future session.

The Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill was designed to comply with a three-year-old ruling by the European Court of Human Rights that a parent's philosophical convictions against corporal punishment must be respected.

Because ministers were unwilling to legislate to abolish corporal punishment, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, devised the Bill as, in his own words, "the least objectionable solution".

There was no enthusiasm for it in the Government or the Conservative Party, and the Opposition and the teaching professions were highly critical.

A number of Conservative MPs refused to support it in the Commons and were last night delighted that the Lords had destroyed it.

The damage was done at the report stage in the Lords when the Labour peer, Lady David, successfully moved a new clause, with Conservative, Alliance and crossbench support, abolishing corporal punishment. She said that the Bill was regarded by the educational world as unworkable.

Lady Cox, speaking for the Government, objected on the ground that enforced abolition implied a lack of trust in the judgement of teachers and parents.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls and an independent peer, argued that the European Court of Human Rights would almost certainly condemn all corporal punishment before long. The House should take the straightforward course and abolish it now without waiting to be told.

The new clause was approved by a majority of four, and Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the House, adjourned the report stage, saying that further consideration was impossible.

The Government ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1951, and is thus bound to comply with the ruling of the court. It could do so by accepting Lady David's new clause and abolishing corporal punishment. But abolition is not required by the terms of the court's judgement.

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Can't me get time off for good behaviour?
SCARGILL FOR LIFE

Employers agree to scrap concordat putting in doubt future of Burnham

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

In a move that could herald the end of the Burnham Committee, local authorities yesterday tore up the gentlemen's agreement which gives the Department of Education and Science a block vote and a veto on the teachers' pay negotiating machinery.

As this decision was being taken Mr. Giles Radice, the opposition spokesman on education, was calling for the resignation of Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

"Why did Sir Keith instruct his officials to wreck yesterday's Burnham meeting?" Mr Radice said. "Why did he use his 15 block votes against the peace proposal supported by 19 out of the 24 elected representatives?"

"Does he understand that his high-handed behaviour has so enraged the local authorities' organizations that the Burnham Committee is on the point of collapse?"

Sir Keith told the Commons that his representatives had not voted down a substantive offer but had opposed the addition of

words to a statement which ran counter to government policy.

Both the shire counties and metropolitan authorities announced yesterday that they intended to renounce the Concordat, the informal agreement drawn up in 1965, and produce their own proposals for replacing Burnham.

Mr John Pearman, vice-chairman of the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said that the AMA was prepared to meet Sir Keith to talk about its decision. "But it is final and unchanging," he said.

His education committee's decision to scrap Concordat was taken by 18 votes to six. At the Association of County Councils the voting was unanimous.

"We are saying we don't recognize the Concordat," Mr Pearman, chairman of Wakefield's education committee, said. "It remains to be seen what the Secretary of State will do. I hope he will leave us alone to negotiate with teachers."

Sir Keith has three options: he can repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act and accept the employers' alternative machinery; he can swamp the Burnham Committee with his own representatives; or he can simply do nothing. He may well choose the last course.

The Government does not need the control given it by the Concordat so much nowadays, because it has effectively restricted local authorities' financial room for manoeuvre by penalties and targets.

Mr Pearman said that the new rules would apply to the meeting of the Burnham further education committee today. That would mean a settlement of the lecturers' pay dispute was much more likely today.

Employers and the teachers' unions will meet informally on Monday to talk about a joint statement which would form the basis of an approach for more money to Sir Keith.

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Synod divided over embryo research

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The General Synod was split down the middle yesterday when it tried to decide the Church of England's attitude to test-tube fertilization and related matters. The debate left the church without an official position on the key moral issue.

The voting reflected the wide division between those who press the human embryo's sanctity of life from the moment of conception and those who thought an early embryo was less than a human being and therefore could, for instance, be experimented upon in certain circumstances.

An amendment testing opinion on that point of principle was defeated by 183 to 195. The conservative view had won a similar debate in February, but failed to muster a majority a second time. That left the synod commending a report by a working party which was also split.

Chairman of the Board for Social Responsibility, the Bishop of Birmingham, Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore said: "We have to find some creative way through conflict and perhaps at the end of the day, agree to disagree."

Church history shows a tale of continuing conflict. This is not necessarily a failure, it is honest and can be creative if we listen to one another."

The conservative spokesman was Mr O. R. Johnston of Oxford diocese, who referred rather enviously to the clarity and apparent unanimity of several Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic church on his side of the case.

He called *Personal Origins*, the Anglican report on those issues, "a sorry affair beside these other submissions". On point after point, the Anglican committee had failed to reach agreement.

The debate was enlivened by an appeal from Mr John Gummer, chairman of the Conservative Party and a synod member for the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich diocese, for the church to say something clear to the Government on these moral questions.

The issue of abortion was at least as important as Sunday shopping hours, on which the Synod has decided to campaign. Mr Gummer said: "No delegation of bishops has ever banged on the door of Number 10 demanding even a limited change in our present abortion law."

The Synod accepted an amendment that there should be a national licensing authority to regulate research in this field. Synod hopes this authority would foster the debate on the moral issues.

Yes to research

A majority of the population supports embryo research, according to the results of the latest opinion poll on the subject.

The poll, carried out by National Opinion Polls show that only 28 per cent believe fertilising several eggs and returning just one to the womb is morally wrong, while 49 per cent believe it necessary to increase the chance of a successful pregnancy.

Baby eaten by dog as mother slept

A drunken mother slept while her baby son was savaged by the family Alsatian dog in bed beside her, an inquest in Bury, Greater Manchester, was told yesterday.

The coroner, Mr Bryan North, said that Mrs Alma Bradley, aged 34, must have drunk so much she was "totally oblivious and unconscious" not to realize what was happening.

He said that it "stretched credulity" that the father, Mr Roger Rankine, was sleeping in a room below and was not disturbed while the dog devoured Dean, his son, aged 11 weeks.

Mr North said that both parents had shown a total lack of concern by drinking so much that they were incapable of looking after the child.

He was told that the parents had taken it in turns to visit a public house near their home in Parkhills Road, Bury, on the night Dean died, two days before the new year.

Mr Rankine had arrived home at 9.30pm, when Mrs Bradley went out, returning two hours later when she had some more to drink before going to bed at about 2am.

The inquest was told that Dean's body was found later that morning in the blood-stained bedroom. Police Constable Terence Cross saw the baby on the floor with one leg severed and the other missing.

Mr North recorded a rarely used verdict of "lack of care by another or others".

No charges are to be brought.

Jenkin sees £278m local overspend

The Government yesterday conceded that despite the rate-capping of high-spending councils, 107 councils in England are spending in excess of the official maximum.

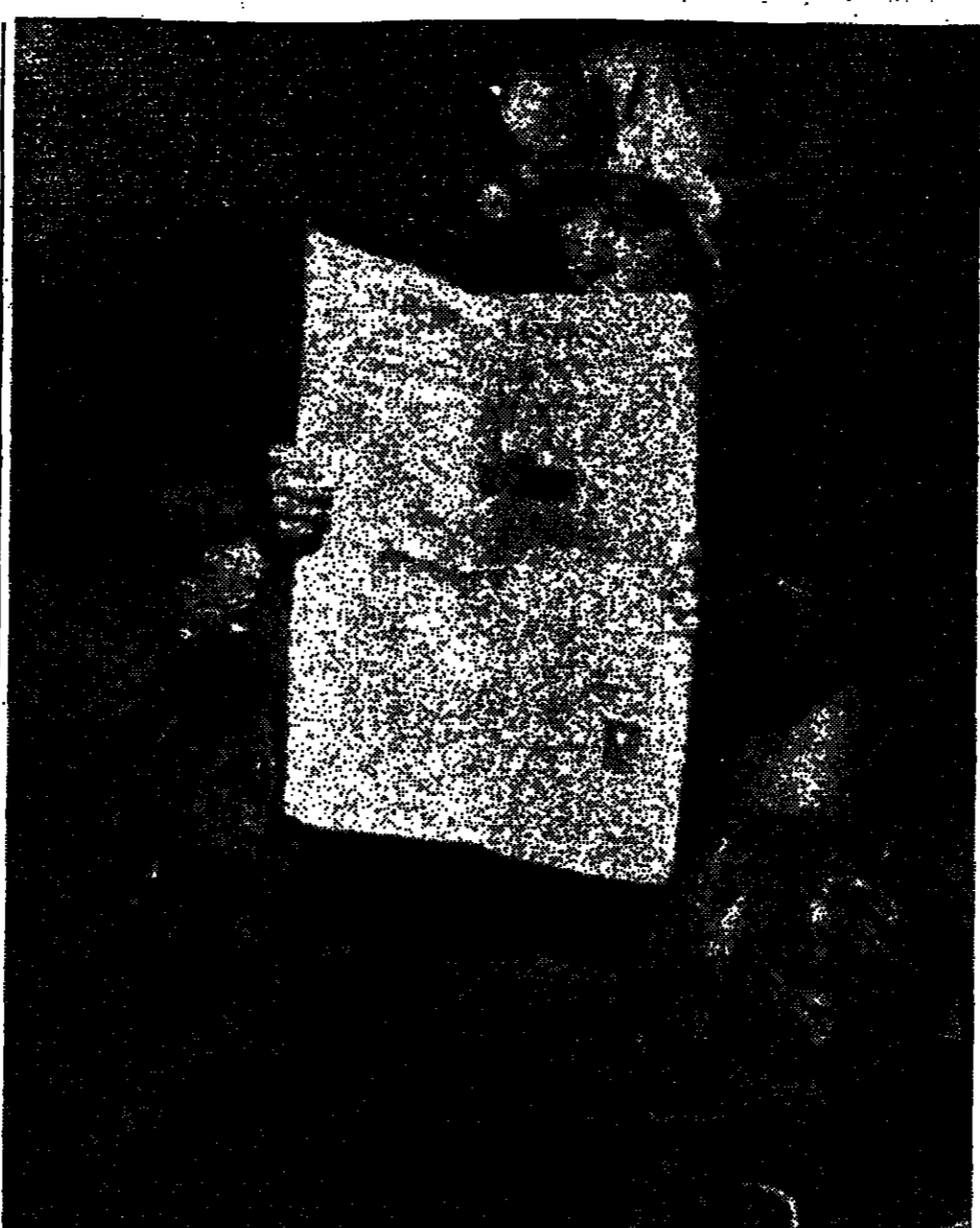
Over-spending is running at £278 million, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said.

To punish overspending councils he is withdrawing £550 million of rates support grant. Most of them have calculated their losses in advance and raised their rates to pay for the shortfall.

Mr Jenkin noted that for the ratepayers in the high-spending areas the consequences of their authorities' decisions would be severe.

The biggest "sinners" among the 107 become candidates for rate-capping in 1986-87. The Government intends to continue caps on such councils as Lambeth and Camden in London and will probably add to the list Manchester and Liverpool and up to a score of other authorities, most of them Labour-controlled.

Mr Jenkin also announced that council's contributions to emergency appeals such as the Bradford City's fire spending not be counted as part of spending that might cause a council to be penalized.



Rob Parker reading *The Times* 2,000ft inside Wookey Hole, Somerset.

Diver fails to find cave link

Rob Parker, the cave explorer who has set a new British and probably world cave-diving record, has his copy of *The Times* delivered to him in a waterproof bag (Ronald Faux writes).

Rob Parker, his fellow cave-diver, swam through the maze of flooded caves and passages carrying the parcel to the point where the expedition set up its base camp.

Mr Parker, aged 23, a self-employed carpenter from Bristol, reached 220ft down a flooded shaft in Wookey Hole

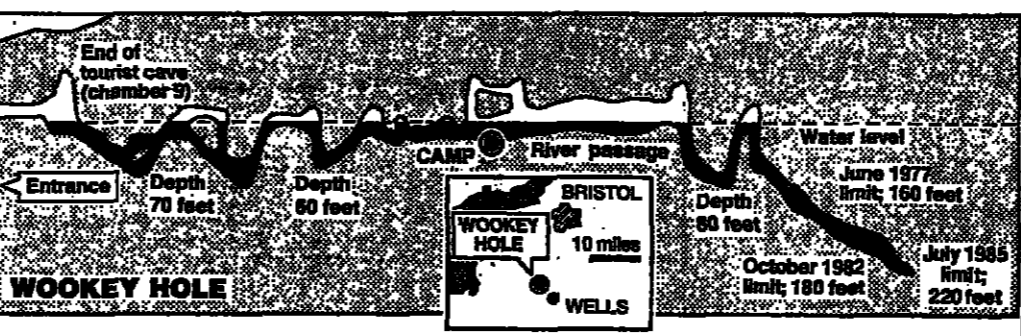
in an attempt to find a way through to Swildon's Hole, an adjoining system of caves. He reached about 40ft beyond the last attempt, breathing a mixture of oxygen, helium and nitrogen, contained in lightweight high-pressure cylinders.

But the attempt ended at a narrow slot through which a strong flood of water was pouring and it was impossible to crawl. When the expedition safely reached the surface yesterday, furore Mr Parker said he was disappointed not to

have dived farther down the shaft but that he had gone as far as humanly possible.

He was delighted with the trouble-free operation of the breathing equipment. It was the first time such technology had been used in cave exploration.

As the team of six divers celebrated on the surface, Mr Parker was already contemplating a new way around the impasse. He thought might be possible to link the two systems through passages in the roof of the cave.



Mr Parker's journey and the camp where his newspaper was delivered.

'Poverty' led Council gave children nurse to prostitution

A hospital nurse was struck off the nursing register yesterday because she had been convicted of loitering for the purpose of prostitution.

After the Nursing Council disciplinary hearing Miss Susan Ling, aged 29, of Luton, Bedfordshire, said she worked at night as a prostitute because her National Health Service wages were so low.

The hearing in Marylebone, central London, was told that Miss Ling had received 28 vice convictions in London, Norwich, Nottingham, Stoke-on-Trent and Luton before her employers discovered her double life.

Miss Ling, a State-enrolled mental nurse, resigned from the Saxondale Hospital, Nottingham, after the authorities there were told of her last conviction, when she was fined £150 by magistrates in Luton for loitering.

After the hearing Miss Ling said that she had been earning between £90 and £120 a week as a nurse but could obtain that from one client as a prostitute.

Methodists on boxing

An opponent of boxing yesterday cited the champion, Barry McGuigan as an example of what was wrong with the sport.

Dr Kenneth Leese, chairman of a Christian working party on the sport, said that in 1982 a Nigerian boxer died after a fight with him. "I understand that earlier this year a French boxer was so savaged by McGuigan that the fight was stopped before the distance."

Dr Leese was speaking after the Methodist church conference in Birmingham had overwhelmingly accepted his committee's recommendation that boxing should be discouraged.

The committee report, which was accepted by the conference, described the human body as a "temple of the holy spirit".

British Rail lays down standards it aims to achieve

British Rail yesterday announced a code of practice setting out the standard of service it hopes to provide to customers.

It is committed to a "safe, punctual, clean and comfortable rail travel every day of the week", no longer than between three to five minutes spent queuing for a ticket; telephone calls answered within 30 seconds up to the minute information on delays and cancellations; an "adequate" supply of seats on all trains and for "staff to be courteous and well groomed".

For the first time, an independent arbitration system will be set up to mediate on disputes with passengers.

The initiative was welcomed by Dame Alison Munro, chairman of the Central Transport Consultative Committee, who said it was an important and "brave" declaration but cautioned that British Rail have set themselves some very tough targets.

It is that development which has particularly pleased Dame Munro whose committee has long argued that some form of arbitration was badly needed. She said that missed connections can lead to the expense of hiring taxis, or not turning up on time for business appointments and thereby possibly losing contracts. "This can prove very aggravating", she said.

The information is contained in a booklet which should be available at most stations from next Monday.

Where complaints cannot be sorted out on the spot, the booklet advises passengers to contact the local area manager who will, at the very least,

Miners to seek big increase in basic pay

From Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor, Sheffield

The National Union of Mineworkers is to lodge an immediate pay claim for a "substantial" increase on basic rates from November. This year which will seek to arrest what is seen as their 180,000 members' relative decline in the wages and earnings league.

The union yesterday approved a relatively low-key composite wages resolution which sought to restore the miners' union's membership to "the top of the wages league where they belong but which put no figure on the increase."

Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, yesterday exhorted the union conference to guard against attempts by the National Coal Board to introduce locally based productivity bargaining.

Mr Heathfield argued that the emphasis should be on basic rates, at present about £144 a week for an underground worker, because only sections of the industry benefited from high bonus or overtime payments.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, said that when the incentive scheme was introduced in 1978 it had formed a third of the total of miners' earnings but had since fallen to 21 per cent. To restore that proportion to 1978 levels would require an increase of £16 a week.

Mr Scargill claimed, however, that the use of locally based bargaining could be "a very double edged sword" for the coal board.

A motion in private session seeking to establish a strike fund for future industrial action was withdrawn after miners' leaders argued that it would be too costly to set up.

Left wingers in the union have blocked an attempt by Mr Scargill, to commit the TUC and Labour Party conferences to seeking a total amnesty for dismissed and jailed strikers.

Shoplifter had £3,000 savings

A man who was arrested with his son aged 16 when shoplifting clothing valued at £73 was carrying his life savings of £3,000, Hendon magistrates, in north London, were told yesterday.

The jobless man, aged 51, was said to be carrying the money, a redundancy payment for safe keeping. He was fined £300 and his son will appear at juvenile court on July 31.

Steam locomotive to run again

Mallard, the former London and North Eastern Railway locomotive, which 47 years ago set a world record for steam of 126mph between Grantham and Peterborough, is to be restored.

Mallard was "retired" by British Rail in 1933, and is now in the National Railway Museum at York. It is planned to complete the estimated £50,000 restoration work in time for a commemorative run on July 3, 1988.

Fireman dies

Mr Nick Walker, aged 25, a fireman of Bournville, Birmingham, who was critically injured in a crash between a fire engine and a car, which claimed three lives at the weekend, died late on Wednesday night in Birmingham Accident Hospital.

Vigil ending

Mr Tom McClean, an adventurer and former SAS man, is expected to end a six-week lonely vigil on the island of Rockall, 240 miles west of the Outer Hebrides, this weekend.

Bradford inquest

Mr James Turnbull, the Bradford coroner, will resume the inquests on the deaths of 55 people in the Bradford city fire on Wednesday July 24.

Tunnel re-opens

The Victorian rail tunnel under the Pennines, closed by fire last December, will re-open on August 19.

Brecon by-election

Only six ministers join Tory campaign

While Labour's entire Shadow Cabinet team has visited Brecon and Radnor during the by-election campaign, only six Cabinet ministers travelled to the constituency to offer moral support to the beleaguered Conservative candidate.

One would not expect ministers with key responsibilities of state to respond on a scale comparable to the Opposition's almost unprecedented turnout. But the fact that only six of the 22 members of the Cabinet have made the journey implies an elaborate *sans froid* towards a seat with a Tory majority of more than 8,000, which the Government must have seemed initially to have had an excellent chance of holding.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe (a Welshman) and the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, have both gone on the campaigning trail, and so have Mr Michael Heseltine (defence), Mr Norman Tebbit (trade and industry), Mr Norman Fowler (social services), and of course Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales. Mr John Gummer, the party chairman, also spent an evening in the constituency.

The list of ministers who stayed at Westminster is instructive. Obviously there is no special reason for figures such as the Lord Chancellor, the Leader of the House of Commons and the Secretary of State for Scotland, to show a particular interest in a Welsh by-election.

But a campaign where the Government's economic policies attracted a good deal of attention, the absence of both Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and of Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was striking.

Cuts in education and other local services also figured prominently in the campaign, and so did the future of rural bus transport in the light of the Government's Bill still before Parliament. But there were no visits from Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Patrick Jenkin (environment) or Mr Nicholas Ridley (transport).

The most notable absentee was Mr Michael Jopling, Secretary of State for Agriculture, Farming is a key industry in the constituency, which is one of the five most agricultural seats in Britain.

BRECON POLL COMPARISON

Poll	News-page or TV	Date	Con	Lab	All	Others	Lead	Sample	Sample points	Field-work
MORI	The Mirror	June 17	31	39	28	2	Lab +6	720	55	June 4-6
NOP	Daily Mail	June 28	34.5	32	30	3.5	Con +2.5	740	37	June 22-28
MORI	The Sunday Times	June 30	24	44	30	2	Lab +14	627	55	June 27-28
Beaufort Research	Wales Daily Mail	July 2	27	36	35	2	Lab +1	1,063	36	June 27-29
NOP	Daily Mail	July 3	23	42	33	2	Lab +9	873	34	June 29-July 1
MORI	The Mirror	July 24	46	28	22	2	Lab +18	999	50	July 2-3

Pollsters await verdict

Part of the political parties the people most anxiously waiting for today's result from the Brecon and Radnor by-election will be the opinion pollsters, whose work has again come under intense scrutiny because of the varying results they have produced during the past three weeks.

Predictions ranging from a 2.5 per cent Conservative win (NOP, June 28) to an 18 point Labour victory (MORI, July 4) have again led MPs and some commentators to question the value of polls, a least during by-elections, and to accuse them of confusing the electorate.

Polls have become an integral part of the by-elections, and their very publication has often been seen to play a part in the eventual outcome, especially in the era of tactical voting.

Three of the six polls published during the Brecon campaign have been conducted by MORI. They have charted a consistent trend of growing Labour support - from an 8 per cent lead conducted in a survey before the campaign got fully underway June 4 and 9, to 14 per cent at the end of last week and 18 per cent at the end of the campaign.

The Times overseas selling prices: Australia \$20; Bahamas \$15; Canada \$25; Chile \$20; Denmark \$20; Finland \$20; France \$20; Germany \$20; Greece \$20; Hong Kong \$20; India \$20; Italy \$20; Japan \$20; Korea \$20; Malaysia \$20; Mexico \$20; New Zealand \$20; Norway \$20; Philippines \$20; Portugal \$20; Singapore \$20; South Africa \$20; Spain \$20; Sweden \$20; Switzerland \$20; Taiwan \$20; Thailand \$20; USA \$20; West Germany \$20.

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High teenage delinquency blamed on friends and family shortcomings

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Boys and girls are more likely to be delinquent if they have delinquent friends, do not regard stealing as particularly wrong, and are not close to their families. The discovery, which throws light on one of the most crime-prone age groups, has been made in a survey for the research and planning unit of the Home Office.

Factors related to delinquency

BOYS: Having delinquent friends, Not feeling guilty about stealing, Not having a close relationship with father, Going out a lot. GIRLS: Having delinquent friends, Poor supervision, Not having a close relationship with father, Regarding stealing as not serious, Not taking school work seriously, Having a close relationship with mother but not upset if they steal.

Nationwide screening for breast cancer plea

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Cancer specialists yesterday urged the Government to set up a breast cancer screening service to help save the lives of some of the 14,000 women killed by the disease in Britain each year. They are convinced that the use of X-rays to screen women can substantially reduce the death rate.



The Duchess of Kent launching a £5.5 million Caledonian MacBrayne ferry, the Hebridean Isles, at Cochrane's shipyard in Selby, North Yorkshire, yesterday. The ferry will ply a triangular route between Skye, North Uist and Harris.

Ministry criticized over £170m dental treatment

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Public Accounts Committee yesterday criticised the Department of Health and Social Security for being unable to estimate how much dental treatment is unsatisfactory when a departmental working group put the figure at £170 million worth a year. The committee says it is also worried that some dentists may be abusing the present "piece-work" system of payment to claim for unnecessary treatments.

Homicide link to social trends

The mysterious fall and rise again, in homicides over 70 years, which has been teasing penal reformers and criminologists for years, is linked in research by the Home Office with seismic changes in people's lives. A dramatic fall which began in the 1860s and continued for half a century was followed by a long period of comparative stability until an upward trend began in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

Court guide for computer buying

Simple guidelines on purchasing computers for courts are being prepared by the Home Office after the Public Accounts Committee said there had been a proliferation of systems and duplication of effort.

'Unfounded' fears over police tape recordings

The tape recording of police interviews is here to stay, according to the research and planning unit of the Home Office. The Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984, provided for Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, to make an order requiring the tape recording of police interviews with suspects.

Cambridge diet battle

Dr Alan Howard, a Cambridge nutritionist, won a High Court injunction yesterday preventing an American company from marketing his Cambridge Diet in the United Kingdom.

Woman's courage praised

The courage of a woman aged 70 in overcoming horrific injuries, earned her a tribute from a judge in the High Court in Manchester yesterday.

North-South house prices gap widens

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent... The gap between house prices in the North and South is growing, with the result that people wishing to move to the South-east from the depressed areas of the North and Midlands for employment are having to find £10,000 more than two years ago, a survey published today by the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers shows.

Surgeons lose appeal over monkey

By Tony Samstag... The Royal College of Surgeons yesterday lost its appeal against a conviction in February of inflicting unnecessary suffering on a monkey. Judge Graham Hall said at Croydon Crown Court that the main reason for the suffering of a breeding female macaque named Mone was "male domination over an extended period so that she was unable to drink as necessary".

Will berates bureaucrats

A millionaire businessman who spent much of his life battling Whitehall bureaucracy had the last word in his will published yesterday. Mr Thomas Atherton, who died last December, aged 55, spent years trying to obtain a better deal for businesses and complaining about taxation.

Ruling awaited

The House of Lords reserved judgement yesterday on an appeal which will decide whether doctors can prescribe contraceptives to under-age girls without their parents' consent. The decision is not expected before October.

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Talks offer to teachers

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Ulster MPs worried

Teachers' pay: Joseph sticks to policy of more money next year

EDUCATION

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, repeated today in the Commons that he was willing and eager to meet those involved in the teachers' dispute. Both sides of Burnham knew he stood greatly willing to meet them. He was very unhappy that this long dispute continued and intensely wanted to see pupils receiving uninterrupted education.

chance of reforming the pay structure. Mr Radice: Why did Sir Keith instruct his officials to wreck yesterday's Burnham meeting? Why did he use his 15 block votes against the peace proposal supported by 19 out of the 24 elected representatives?

affairs of the great teaching profession. Sir Keith Joseph: I am willing to be convinced that there is a better method of arranging these affairs than Burnham, but even if the Government were convinced, legislation would be needed and there would be some delay.

PM refuses to change policies

UNEMPLOYMENT

The Government hoped to publish the results of its scrutiny of regulations affecting small firms before the Summer recess. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions on the improved unemployment figures.

In view of that feeling, has she any new policies to announce which will ensure that the small firm in unemployment is both accelerated and greatly increased in coming months?

criticising the level of inflation. He really must make up his mind. Mr Ralph Howell (Norfolk North C): Only 499,000 of those currently unemployed have taken the trouble to register with the Job Centre.

Peers vote to end caning in schools

BILL DELAYED

Further consideration in the House of Lords of the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill was adjourned at report stage abolishing corporal punishment in all educational institutions was carried by a majority of four votes.

The Bill gives the parents of children whose education is directly provided in whole or in part from public funds the right to exempt their children from corporal punishment in the course of the education and enables the Government to fulfil its obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights.

Demand for early vote on cameras

TELEVISION

A renewed demand for a debate before the summer recess on televising the Commons came from Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, during questions about forthcoming business.

Hurd defends rerouting of Ulster marches

ULSTER

There was no intention on the Government's part either to transfer or share with others outside Northern Ireland in some scheme for joint authority in the exercise of executive power in the province, Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said.

Scottish law survey still awaited

LICENSING LAWS

A Conservative backbench MP sought an assurance from a Home Office minister during Commons questions that the licensing privileges enjoyed by MPs would be enjoyed by the public.

Thatcher says majority support coal policy

COAL INDUSTRY

The majority of people overwhelmingly endorse the Government's policy on the coal industry, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said Mr Roger Freeman (Kettering, C) asked if she had studied the National Coal Board's statement concerning investment in pits and the creation of 2,000 new jobs.

Benn's Bill ridiculed

The introduction of Mr Tony Benn's Bill to grant an amnesty to all punished by the courts for offences committed in pursuing the miners' strike cast severe doubt on the commitment to the rule of law of those who favoured it, Mr Lesa Brittan, the Home Secretary, said during question time.

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Next week's business

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Wednesday: Transport Bill, Committee, second day. Thursday: Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill, third reading. Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Bill, second reading and remaining stages. Friday: Surrogacy Arrangements Bill, third reading. Debate on modernising industry.

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From Tim Jones Belfast

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£250m in RAF spares 'a waste'

By Richard Evans Lobby Reporter

Spare parts for RAF planes worth at least £250 million, purchased by the Ministry of Defence for private contractors, are unlikely ever to be used, a National Audit Office report has disclosed.

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By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

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Jury retires to hotel

The jury in the £10 million cannabis smuggling case at Chelmsford Crown Court spent last night in a local hotel and will resume consideration of its verdict today.

Refer to K part dis

From Barrister Mr Neil Kinnock, leader, urged by the committee the party conference on disarmament and nuclear disarmament. A strongly critical editorial, led by the Electoral Commission and endorsed by the party's national delegates, said that a gap had opened between the TUC on the one hand and the party on the other.

Protect of cha gifts u

By Our Home Correspondent Legal action is being taken to prevent the publication of a magazine which says it can create 10 per cent of public jobs without cost. A court injunction prevented the publication of a magazine which says it can create 10 per cent of public jobs without cost. A court injunction prevented the publication of a magazine which says it can create 10 per cent of public jobs without cost.

Salfor

A newspaper was pursuing an opposition and published on the view of Salford City Press Council said. It rejected a copy of the paper, saying it was a "worsley" and "Manchester Evening Star" without giving the Conservative his own letter explaining the new story saying Salford's poverty.

Syria imposes a shaky peace after 600 die in battle of the camps

From Robert Fisk
Bourj el-Barajneh camp
Beirut

Israelis killed in buffer zone

Tyre (AFP)—Two Israeli soldiers were killed and Nepalese and Finnish United Nations troops later involved when three attacks were made in the Israeli buffer zone in southern Lebanon, according to UN officials.

militiamen, the former because they were short of ammunition, the latter because they had been badly and unexpectedly mauled by Fatah and by Palestinians formally loyal to Syria who changed sides and fought alongside Mr Arafat's men.

At least 600 men, women and children died — most were men — and the figure may well have reached 1,000. There were individual atrocities, mostly by Amal members, but no systematic killing on the scale of the 1982 massacre.

This is a difficult distinction to make: moving down unseen enemies with tank fire on a flat trajectory produces much the same result as lining up the enemies you can see and shooting them in the back. Of 82 corpses buried on one day near the Palestinian 'Martyrs' cemetery, it was impossible to confirm the circumstances of death.

What did emerge from the month of fighting, however, was the almost total failure of Amal to achieve any of its military objectives.

there were no guns to be seen, although Fatah's guerrillas — three of them in blue T-shirts — sat on a rubbish tip overlooking the airport highway to ensure that neither Amal nor its allies in the Lebanese Army's Shia Muslim Sixth Brigade moved forward of the half-mile earth rampart that runs north of the unfinished Imam Ali mosque.

That is the deal worked out between the three sides by two colonels from the Syrian Army's intelligence division. No-one moves across the front lines apart from a few hundred Lebanese policemen, with nothing more lethal in their hands than a bolt-action rifle.

The two Syrians who eventually arranged a truce in the camps war on the orders of a somewhat embarrassed President Hafez al-Assad of Syria were Major Hussein Wafiq and Major Nassar Faraj.

Their arrival in Beirut — the first security duties by Syrians since Syrian Army units evacuated the city under the Israeli siege in 1982 — was welcomed by both Palestinians and Amal

Bitter hostages tell of days of terror

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The United States yesterday celebrated Independence Day with the traditional festivities, family gatherings and fireworks. But this year there was a special rejoicing and an added note of patriotic fervour at the safe return of the TWA hostages.

The extent of their ordeal is now becoming clear, as many of the former captives described with bitterness and anger the brutalities of the original hijackers, the psychological torture, the fear and the bizarre details of their captivity.

Several described a game of Russian roulette played by one hijacker, who loaded his revolver with one bullet, aimed at a hostage and then pulled the trigger. Only later did they conclude that the gunman had altered the weapon so that he knew which chamber held a bullet.

After their passports were confiscated two of those on board stealthily wrote their names on their stomachs so that they could be identified if they were killed.



An Israeli military policeman sitting beside a machine-gun mounted on a Jeep at Atlit prison shortly before 300 Shias were released this week.

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Line, witnessed a gun battle and attended a midnight funeral of one of the commander's friends. "He took me out and showed me around day after day, night after night," Mr Traugott said. "He liked me because I expressed an interest in what was going on."

Mr Victor Amburgy and his friend, Mr John McCarty of San Francisco, said they pretended to be brothers to conceal their homosexuality because they were afraid Muslims would punish them with death.

Dr Arthur Toga of St Louis said one hijacker asked Mrs Uli Derickson, the flight's German-born purser, to leave the plane and marry her. "That's the only time she lost control," he said.

Controversy has continued to swirl around Mr Allyn Conwell, the square-jawed Texan who as spokesman for the hostages voiced sympathy with some Amal demands. After his return he said he had been misinterpreted.

Fugitives in Spain could be expelled

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Suspected British criminals now living on the Costa del Sol will not be affected by the new extradition treaty approved by the Spanish Cabinet on Wednesday. Foreign Ministry sources indicated.

But Spain's new law on foreigners, which came into force on Monday, provides the authorities with an instrument for expelling people whose presence is regarded as prejudicial to Spain's relations with another country.

However, a foreigner regarded as undesirable would not have to be sent back to his country of origin.

The new treaty fills a gap left when Spain cancelled in 1978 a 100-year-old extradition agreement with Britain. The new terms are to be signed by the two countries when Señor Fernando Ledesma, the Justice Minister, visits London later this month.

● LONDON: Britain hopes to get the new extradition treaty through Parliament before the end of this session (Richard Dowden writes).

Ex-politician on robbery charge

From Hans-Otto Scholl, Bonn

Bonn a former leading West German State politician, went on trial in Baden-Baden charged with armed robbery of jewels worth about \$500,000 from a shop in the town.

Mr Hans-Otto Scholl, aged 52, ex-State chairman of the Free Democratic Party in Rhineland-Palatinate, is also charged with causing bodily harm to the shop owner's son and his girlfriend by striking them with a pistol.

The Army said the interned Japanese-Americans was a military necessity but expressed evidence withheld at the time and recently uncovered under the Freedom of Information Act, showed it was not.

The Army was jumpy. Intelligence reports said Japanese-American farmers on the Californian coast were signalling to Japanese submarines. But an FBI check showed that people were merely carrying torches on their way to outside lavatories.

Military intelligence blamed a power failure on Japanese-American sabotage. The FBI found that the failure had been caused by cattle rubbing against a powerline post. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director, concluded that military intelligence was coloured by hysteria.

US relives shame of internment hysteria

From Trevor Fishlock New York

In an echo of a shaming episode in American history, a Japanese-American is asking a court to overturn his conviction under a harsh wartime internment order.

He defied the order under which 120,000 Americans of Japanese origin were confined in camps which President Roosevelt himself called concentration camps.

The internment of these American citizens was conducted in an atmosphere of hysteria and racial hatred whipped up by newspapers, senior army officers, and politicians on the West Coast.

The people were ordered out of their homes, their businesses shut down and their investments and bank accounts forfeited. In scenes that recalled the hounding of Jews in Germany.

Their fellow-Americans, encouraged by the bigotry of columnists and civic leaders, refused to serve them in restaurants and at petrol stations and took over their farms, businesses and homes.

The court action, brought in Seattle by Mr Gordon Hirabayashi, a retired professor, aged 67, seeks vindication of himself and all Japanese-Americans incarcerated in the camps. He hopes his action will give a boost to legislation in Congress which proposes giving \$20,000 (£14,600) indemnity to each of the 60,000 internees still living.

He has shown the court that the authorities suppressed evidence that would have helped him when he was convicted in 1942. At the time he was a university student and an American citizen. He was jailed for two years for violating a curfew order and refusing to report to a relocation station, the first step on the way to a barred wire camp in the desert.

The Army said the interned Japanese-Americans was a military necessity but expressed evidence withheld at the time and recently uncovered under the Freedom of Information Act, showed it was not.

The Army was jumpy. Intelligence reports said Japanese-American farmers on the Californian coast were signalling to Japanese submarines. But an FBI check showed that people were merely carrying torches on their way to outside lavatories.

Military intelligence blamed a power failure on Japanese-American sabotage. The FBI found that the failure had been caused by cattle rubbing against a powerline post. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director, concluded that military intelligence was coloured by hysteria.

A federal commission said three years ago that internment of Japanese-Americans was not justified by military necessity. Last year a judge in San Francisco, quashing the wartime conviction of a Japanese-American who defied an evacuation order, said: "The shield of military necessity and national security must not be used to protect governmental actions from close scrutiny and accountability."

Mr Hirabayashi's case is different in that it accuses the Government of misconduct in withholding crucial evidence. Many Japanese-Americans are pressing for an official apology and redress for their wartime suffering.

Managua says Costa Ricans aiding Contras

Managua (AFP, AP) — Nicaragua has sent a written protest to Costa Rica over alleged involvement of Costa Rican troops in military operations by anti-Sandinista guerrilla groups along the border, it was reported.

The protest referred to statements by five western mercenaries jailed in Costa Rica, who recently told Agence France-Press that troops and senior officers of the Costa Rican civil Guard had collaborated with the guerrillas fighting to overthrow the left-wing regime in Managua.

The mercenaries — two Britons, two Americans and a Frenchman — also claimed that Costa Rican soldiers had taken part in attacks against frontier post. Nicaragua called for bilateral negotiations to set up a demilitarized zone along the border.

Meanwhile, President Daniel Ortega has sent President Reagan a letter expressing a desire to improve relations

Mystery of missing Muzorewa grows

Harare — As the remaining 300,000 voters went to cast their ballot on the last day of Zimbabwe's elections, concern grew for the whereabouts of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, former Prime Minister and leader of the United African National Council (Jan Raath writes), the only indications were that he had flown to Malawi on Monday and was still there yesterday.

Mr Edward Mazziwana, secretary-general of the UANC, said he had last seen the bishop at a political meeting in Harare on Sunday. No party official had reported seeing him since then.

Officials of the bishop's church, the American-based United Methodist Church, said the bishop was on leave until July 11 and they knew nothing of his whereabouts.

Mr Mazziwana said he had been told by members of the bishop's family he was away, but they did not know where he was.

However, at Harare airport on Monday afternoon, Mr Timothy Leach, a sound operator for World Television News, who is acquainted with the bishop, said they had met at the airport. The bishop was without his spectacles and clerical collar and was carrying a briefcase and passport. He appeared distracted and reluctant to communicate, said Mr Leach.

British aid for Mozambique

Maputo (Reuters) — Britain will give Mozambique £5-11000 military aid including training for about 400 officers in neighbouring Zimbabwe, Britain's ambassador, Mr Eric Vince, said.

Part of the aid will be used to buy radios and uniforms for the armed forces.

Treholt appeals

Oslo (Reuters) — The former Norwegian diplomat, Arne Treholt, has lodged appeals against a 20-year jail sentence for spying for the Soviet Union and Iraq.

Bhopal arrests

Bhopal (Reuters) — Police arrested 271 people protesting over losing their jobs when the Union Carbide pesticides factory, site of India's poison gas disaster, is formally closed next week.

Theologian dies

Geneva (AP) — Dr Willem Adolf Visser't Hooft, the theologian and first general secretary of the World Council of Churches, has died at his Geneva home. He was 84.

Painful cut

Prague (AP) — A court has docked the salary of the head of a town's municipal services by 10 per cent over six months for ordering the felling of an ancient willow tree so a pavement under it could be swept.

Much married

Windhoek (AP) — Rudolph Botha, aged 89, and his wife Joangamena, 79, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this week — one of three wedding anniversaries they observe every year. They married each other three times — 1925, 1959 and 1974.

Rogue's return

Jakarta (AFP) — A rogue elephant known as "Broken Tusks" has reappeared in west Sumatra, four years after it killed a woman and rampaged through 74 houses.

Beirut protests to UN over air ban

From Our Own Correspondent, Beirut

at the airport, Washington, however, is unlikely to be impressed by the new measures.

A Lebanese Government statement spoke of building earth mounds to prevent access to the two airport runways at Beirut and of a ban on militias inside the terminal buildings.

But since Shia Muslim Amal and Druze militiamen control the airport perimeter, they would in effect be in charge of the new earth reventments.

inside the terminal building yesterday afternoon. I found only government troops and police carrying weapons. But unarmed Amal officials were still lounging around the airport offices, drinking coffee.

Access from the terminal to the tarmac had been blocked by locking a single steel door that had previously been open. But on the stairs leading to the door, I found not a single government soldier.

Assad's new role, page 12

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Fraud fears haunt Government Mexico faces most difficult poll test

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Mexico's remarkably uniform political system, for half a century the most stable in Latin America, on Sunday faces its most difficult test.

Nationwide elections, are expected to give the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) its worst results since it seized control fifty six years ago of virtually every sphere of federal, state and local government.

Opposition parties are convinced the PRI will use electoral fraud to maintain power. The PRI Government, meanwhile, is steeling itself for a violent response.

The elections are for a new 400-member National Congress, for more than 100 municipal presidencies (mayors) and, most important, for seven state governments.

The Congress, Mexico's legislative body, has never turned down a presidential motion. The majority may be reduced on Sunday, most analysts feel, but will remain comfortably under PRI control.

At municipal level, according to projections, a trend established since 1929 is expected to continue, with opposition parties making steady, if not yet far-reaching inroads into traditional PRI areas.

But it is the state elections which are attracting the most interest. The PRI has never lost a state governorship. Since the party was founded in 1929, the PRI margin of victory in state elections has been consistently

almost as wide as the last nine tedious, predictable presidential elections (President Miguel de la Madrid came to power in 1982 with more than 68 per cent of the national vote).

The states of Nuevo Leon and Sonora — both wealthy, both on the US border — offer the most tantalizing electoral possibilities. They are strongholds of Mexico's most powerful opposition party, the conservative National Action Party (PAN), which is financed by the private sector.

Sonora, in particular, is where PAN support is the most widespread and virulent. Even a poll sponsored by PRI has shown that PAN is likely to collect 45 per cent of Sunday's vote. PAN leaders in Sonora, meanwhile, believe firmly that it is only through extreme vote-rigging that the PRI can hope to win.

There have been very strong indications from senior PRI officials that, by fair means or foul, it does not mean to let a state fall. The PRI fear is that, if Sonora falls, a domino effect might follow, shattering the myth of PRI's electoral invincibility.

PAN leaders in Sonora say they are sure the PRI will commit fraud. The PAN candidate for governor, Señor Adalberto Rosas, has said quite categorically he will "go to the streets" to defend his vote, "to the final consequences, if necessary."

Whether or not the President will accept the resignation of the socialist Prime Minister Dr Mario Soares, to allow someone else to become caretaker Prime Minister and free Dr Soares to run for President in the election scheduled for early next year.

The President's announcement came after several weeks of consultations with the political parties and the Council of State after the new conservative leaders of the Social Democrats withdrew from the coalition with the Socialists.

The campaign for the parliamentary election and the presidential election which will follow almost immediately are expected to be hard fought among the five main parties: the Socialists, the Social Democrats, the Communist, the Christian Democrats and the new Democratic Renovation Party. This fifth party's made up of followers of President Eanes who because he was elected as an independent, will be unable to lead it openly. Without his open support it is expected to poll between 5 per cent and 8 per cent of the vote, but it could hold the balance in Parliament.

A crisis easily overlooked, page 12

October election likely in Portugal

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

Portugal's present Government will stay in office in a caretaker capacity to prepare for an election, probably on October 5, after Parliament has dissolved next week. President Ramalho Eanes has announced.

He said on Wednesday night that Parliament will be dissolved on July 12 after it has approved the EEC treaty under which Portugal will become a member of the Community in January, 1986.

The only remaining question in the country's political crisis is

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Gorbachov concessions on arms unlikely before Reagan summit

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The Kremlin hopes that its new foreign policy team will outclass an increasingly "lame duck" Reagan Administration when Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan meet in November for the first superpower summit in six years, observers here believe. But it is not clear whether the Gorbachov leadership is prepared to make concessions at the Geneva arms talks to ensure a successful summit.

Diplomats say it appears unlikely that Mr Gorbachov will back down from entrenched Soviet opposition to American Star Wars research or agree to a compromise formula under which Star Wars and anti-ballistic missile systems would be examined in a separate forum.

The whole point about Geneva is that, on Russian insistence, space weapons are firmly linked to strategic and medium-range missiles, one arms control expert said. This would leave Mr Gorbachov with the task of persuading world opinion at the summit, also in Geneva, that Mr Reagan is responsible for the deadlock.

Gorbachov has agreed to a summit after years of acrimony to prove that Russia is in favour of dialogue, one diplomat said.

The Kremlin is aware that the United States will soon be

Mr Gorbachov continued to dominate Soviet foreign affairs yesterday by holding talks with Mrs Milka Planinc, Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, the first foreign leader in Moscow since this week's dramatic Kremlin shake-up.

Neither President Gromyko nor Mr Shevardnadze took part. Instead Mrs Planinc met Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Soviet Prime Minister, and Mr Gorbachov.

embroiled in pre-election manoeuvring with an eye to the end of Mr Reagan's second term. Mr Gorbachov, by contrast, is young and recently installed. He is flanked by President Gromyko, a formidable adviser, and by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the 57-year-old Foreign Minister.

Having recovered from their shock at his appointment, Western embassies believe he will soon prove "silver-tongued as well as silver-haired", as one diplomat put it, or, in the words of another informed observer, "a sharp dresser with a sharp mind".

Mr Shevardnadze's first test will come at a meeting of foreign ministers from east and west in Helsinki at the end of the month.

Announcing the summit, Mr Vladimir Lomcoiko, the government spokesman, put forward a shopping list of arms control

proposals on which Moscow believes there is room for agreement.

These included "non-first use" of nuclear weapons, a moratorium on European deployment of medium-range missiles and a ban on anti-satellite weapons. Soviet suggestions for the summit are dominated by arms control, although regional trouble spots and commercial and cultural links also.

Informal sources say that Mr Gorbachov avoided committing to a summit until having consolidated his power, which he did dramatically this week by removing Mr Grigory Romanov from the Politburo, easing Mr Gromyko out of the Foreign Ministry and installing instead the little-known Mr Shevardnadze in a piece of political theatre which left spectators open-mouthed.

Pravda yesterday carried the summit announcement on its front page, with a message on American Independence Day to Mr Reagan calling for stable and constructive relations. Mr Arthur Hartman, the US Ambassador, appeared on Soviet television last night with a similar message of hope.

Soviet officials have displayed anger with the Reagan Administration for leaking the summit announcement in advance.

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Blaze threat to homes



A California householder watches apprehensively as a forest fire approaches his home in the small town of Ojai. Fires burning in a 100F heatwave have devastated huge areas of California and there were fears last night that they might spread

20 miles to the Santa Barbara area near where President Reagan has his West Coast home. There is concern in California that some of the fires this summer, described as the worst for 30 years, have been started deliberately.

Japan sees hope for Gulf peace

From David Watts
Tokyo

Japan believes that Iran is now more ready to agree to a ceasefire in the Gulf war than it was six months ago.

At meetings this week with Japanese leaders, Mr Ali-Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, agreed to accept all three pre-cessfire conditions proposed by Japan at the United Nations General Assembly last year: an end to attacks on civilians and on shipping in the Gulf and a ban on chemical weapons.

When the conditions were first proposed Iran had "found it difficult to accept them".

But Iranian conditions for ending the war remain unchanged, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry, despite the fact that Mr Hashemi Rafsanjani referred only to the need to bring those responsible for it to justice without referring to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq by name.

Japan and Iran have agreed to establish regular ministerial contacts.

There still appears to be disagreement on the future of the Bandar Khomeini petrochemical joint venture. Work on it is again halted because of the war. The Iranian Parliament has refused Japan's request that Iran pay all the additional costs of the project, which is now 85 per cent complete and estimated to have cost more than £3 billion to date.

The crisis in Sudan Refugees rush to beat the rains

From Paul Valley, Azerney, West Sudan

Only one child died when the lorries carrying hundreds of famished refugees became fast for 12 hours in the mud surrounding the newly risen wadi.

It could have been worse. The waters fell as quickly as they had risen and the lorries were able to pull one another out of the quagmire and complete the journey before any more of their frail and malnourished cargo perished.

The rains in the west of Sudan are about to begin in earnest; once they do there will be no question of moving people around from one part of the famine-stricken region of Darfour to another. Nor will it be possible to move food to them.

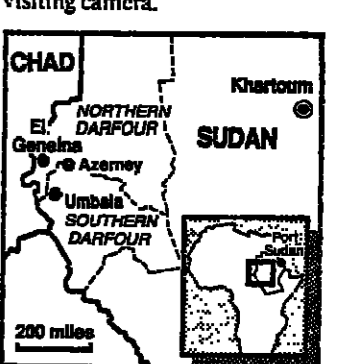
That was why last month it was vital to transport the thousands of refugees from one side of the Wadi Azum to the other, while the rains were still fairly light. There are 53,000 homeless Sudanese registered in the Azerney camp. The aim was to get all but 20,000 of them to Umbala Camp, which is more easily supplied with food, before the kilometre-wide wadi goes into full spate.

Not all the inhabitants of the camp are up to the trip. In the camp's medical centre children were being vetted for the arduous journey.

Kheliam Gaset was 15, and a woman in Sudanese terms. But she looked like a gangly

eight-year-old. She was as thin as a Japanese stick puppet. Her arms flapped round her body uselessly, out of control. She gurgled with lunatic humour - starvation affects the brain, too.

But unlike the Ethiopian peasants, who sat in a state of shock, apathetic and transfixed, the people of Azerney seem astonished at their own condition. They parade themselves with a horrified relish before the visiting camera.



The people of Darfour have their own sense of human culpability. "There is grain but they give us none", the women are heard to chant. At Port Sudan there are 220,000 tons of sorghum which have been unloaded but not moved. A further 200,000 tons are stuck in the logistics pipeline. At Azerney the camp authorities have run out of grain entirely. They have enough lentils to last for five more days.

Pretoria disowns UDF murders

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa yesterday denounced what it called the barbaric murder of four anti-apartheid activists last week, and promised that every effort would be made to bring their killers to justice.

Mr Louis Nel, Minister of Information, said that the Government took the strongest possible exception to callous insinuations that the police or other state agents might have been responsible for the deaths.

In Johannesburg, meanwhile, leaders of the United Democratic Front, the movement to which the four had belonged, called on the United Nations and Amnesty International to investigate the killings.

"Whilst comprehensive evidence about the identity of the murderers is not available yet, it is commonly believed in the (black) townships that the police are responsible", Mr Trevor Manuel, the UDF acting national publicity secretary, said.

Other speakers claimed that South Africa was becoming like some South American states, where government opponents were hounded by right-wing assassination squads. The UDF, they said, was the target of "naked, extra-legal terror".

The "toll of terror" so far, according to the UDF, includes 11 activists murdered, 27 who have disappeared, and 20 others allegedly on the "hit lists" of assassination squads.

The circumstances in which they have died or disappeared, the UDF declared, "only allow us to conclude that they have been victims of political assassination or abductions car-

ried out by the regime or its agents".

Mr Nel implied, on the other hand, that last week's killings should be attributed to "the interecine power struggle between opposing radical organizations", which has claimed several lives in recent months.

The best known of the four killed last week was Mr Matthew Goniwe, a black teacher who led popular resistance to the apartheid authorities in the small Eastern Cape town of Cradock.

He disappeared with three colleagues on Thursday last week on the road to Grahams-town on their way back to Cradock after a meeting in Port Elizabeth.

Their burnt car and charred bodies were found in different places several days later. According to the UDF, only close colleagues had known of their travel plans. Others could have done so only through telephone-tapping, it is claimed.

Three blacks died on Wednesday in riots at a platinum mine in the Western Transvaal, and five more were killed in continuing unrest in black townships on Wednesday and early yesterday, police say.

About 200 of the 4,500 workforce at the mine, Western Platinum, in which Lonrho has a 50.5 per cent stake, were said by management yesterday to be still not at work. Discontent with a wage rise earlier rejected as inadequate was thought to have caused the riot.

Police claimed that the five township deaths were the result of black policemen protecting themselves from mobs

Athens gets a Minister for Aegean

From Mario Modiano
Athens

The Greek Government has decided to create a new Ministry of the Aegean to underline its concern for a region that has long been the focus of serious differences between Greece and Turkey.

A Bill Tabled in Parliament this week assigns to the new ministry the co-ordination of state services in the area and a share of the responsibility of other Ministries for all questions concerning the Aegean.

The move institutionalizes, in a sense, the Greek-Turkish disputes over the continental shelf, territorial waters and air space of the Greek islands, regional jurisdiction within Nato and the presence of military forces in the Greek islands and the Turkish mainland facing them.

The Greek Socialist Government has turned down Turkish offers for a diplomatic dialogue on these issues, making the talks conditional on a Turkish acknowledgement of the existing international legal status of the Aegean and the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Cyprus.

The new Aegean ministry is one of 18 Cabinet posts provided for in the draft legislation which introduces structural changes to improve Cabinet efficiency.

This is attempted through the abolition of the Ministries of Merchant Marine, Public Order, Sports and Youth, Social Insurance, Research and Technology, and Public Works, which are to become departments in related ministries.

However, the original intention to trim down the total number of government posts, which stands at 53, seems to have been defeated. The new establishment authorizes 44 posts.

Chiefs fight Easter isle space use

From Florencia Varas
Santiago

A call of "peace for Chile and defence of Easter Island" is being supported by 1,300 environmental and religious organizations representing millions of Chileans.

The movement is attempting to pressure President Pinochet not to sign "any measure that grants foreign countries the right to establish, administer and direct installations susceptible to military use, such as the space shuttle, or capable of making Chile the object of a direct nuclear attack in case of an atomic war".

The campaign against a Nasa proposal to extend the Easter Island airstrip for use as an emergency landing strip for space shuttles has the support of the chiefs council of Rapa Nui, the Easter Island organization of 36 members, each representing an island family, whose mission is to defend Easter Island patrimony, culture and interests.

The council has rejected negotiations between Nasa and the Chilean Government, stating that the people of Rapa Nui are the sole owners of Easter Island lands.

The Easter Island Defence committee wants the Chilean Government to finance the extension and modernization of the airstrip.

The United States Ambassador to Chile, Mr James Theberge, has that the possibility of US use of the airstrip for space shuttle emergencies is slim.

Talks on an agreement to allow the use of the airstrip by the space shuttles began on June 26 between Mr Theberge and the Chilean Foreign Minister, Senior Jaime del Valle.

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Mystery of missing Muzorewa grows

Harare - As the 200,000 voters went to their ballot on the last day of the election, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Prime Minister and leader of the United African People's Congress, was the only indication of where he had flown to Malawi Monday and was still yesterday.

Mr Edward Muzorewa, secretary general of the United African People's Congress, said he had last seen his father at a political meeting on Sunday. Mr Muzorewa had reported seeing his father.

Officials of the United Methodist Church, the bishop's church, said they had not seen him since July 11 and that they had no where he was.

Mr Muzorewa said he would not be a member of the United African People's Congress but he did not know where he was.

However, at Harare on Monday, Mr Timothy Leach, a visiting lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe, who is a member of the United African People's Congress, said he had seen the bishop at the airport. The bishop, without his clerical collar and wearing a briefcase and a power pack, appeared distraught and reluctant to communicate.

Ex-politician robbery charged

From a former leading German State Minister on trial in Baden-Wuerttemberg, with armed robbery worth about 100,000 Mark in the town of Heilbronn.

Her husband, 52, was charged with the robbery on December 11, 1974, in Heilbronn. He was charged with the robbery and his wife was charged with the robbery.

British aid for Mozambique

Maputo - British aid will give Mozambique military aid for the first time in its history.

The aid is for the purchase of military equipment and for the training of military personnel.

Treholt appeal

Oslo - A Norwegian appeal against the arrest of a Norwegian diplomat in London.

Bhopal arrests

Bhopal - Arrests of several people in connection with the gas leak in Bhopal.

Theologian dies

Geneva - The death of a theologian in Geneva.

Painful cut

Prague - A painful cut in the Czech Republic's economy.

Much married

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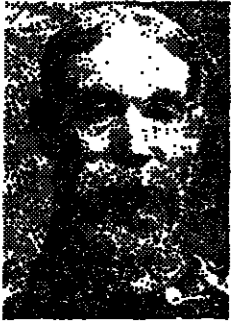
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In a new book, John Percival tells the story of the elite band of servicemen whose extreme acts of bravery have earned them the VC

A handful of stubborn heroes



The first VC: Rear Admiral Charles Lucas, a ship's mate in the Boer War, picked up a live shell and threw it overboard

There are fewer than 70 men alive who can put the heroic suffix VC to their names. Every two years an ever-diminishing band assembles in London for a meeting of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association...

What does it take to win a VC? Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, ought to know, for he is a holder of the medal for having steered an X-craft midget submarine through the hazards of a Norwegian fjord...

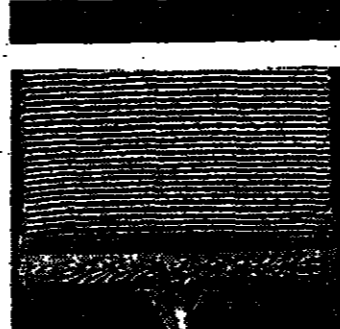
But it is not quite as simple as that, as is made clear in a new book published this month, in

which John Percival analyses the qualities required to join the elite ranks of VC-holders. The one which stands out above all others to their friends and relations is not that they are outstandingly brave, but rather a stubborn bunch.

The other qualities most frequently noted are the sense of responsibility for others, and the element of daring - the calculated risk of the gambler who works out the odds and the possible gains, and who is prepared to take the chance.

Many of the Argentines who died defending Mount Longdon in the Falklands campaign three short years ago fell to British bayonets, just as did the Russians who died when the British stormed the Heights of Alma at the start of the Crimean War.

If war should ever engulf us again, in any other guise than instant obliteration, we will once more have to call on the kind of courage for which a handful of heroes have received, in King Edward VIII's words, "the most democratic and at the same time the most exclusive of all orders of chivalry".



Rifleman GANJU LAMA 7th Gurkha Rifles, First Battalion. Citation: For engaging single-handedly several Japanese tanks and their crews in Burma, June 1944

In the confusion of the moment, Ganju kept his head. He heard the tanks approaching, loaded his Piat gun and got it into a firing position close to the bridge...

When India won its independence in 1947, the 7th Gurkhas became a British regiment and Ganju elected to transfer to the 11th Gurkha Rifles an Indian Army unit...

When all the excitement had died down and the war against Japan came to an end, Ganju Lama was still convalescing in hospital...



Lieutenant ARTHUR RODEN CUTLER Australian Military Forces. Citation: For his part in the recapture of Merdjayoun during the Syrian campaign, June 1941

When Sir Roden Cutler was governor of New South Wales, he was addressed as Your Excellency. Today, as president of New South Wales Bank, it would take some temerity to call him anything other than Sir Roden...

He had served for many years on the committee of the Victoria Cross Association in London and maintains close contact with the Indian Army.

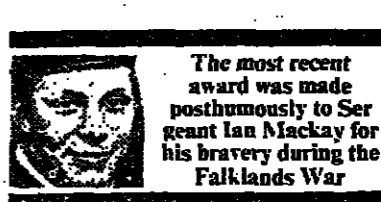
He had been ordered to establish an outpost from which he could register the only road by which enemy transport could enter the Syrian town of Merdjayoun...

In a later engagement Cutler was caught in a burst of machine-gun fire which severed the main arteries and smashed the bones of one leg...

He lay there for a day, with the mid-summer Lebanon sun beating down. Knowing that if he lost the legs and the legs, he still refused to leave his men until he had re-formed them...

How strange it seems that men who so coolly gamble with their lives should have such a will to live. Dr Adrian Johnson, the regiment's medical officer who operated on Cutler, recalls: "All the things that can possibly go wrong are explained to the patient, and in the light of that knowledge, the patient decides to go ahead with the operation."

Now I think this is the sort of courage he displayed at Merdjayoun. On the other hand, there was the adrenal-injected courage that caused a man to rush a machine-gun post. Some people call it battle-madness.



The most recent award was made posthumously to Sergeant Ian Mackay for his bravery during the Falkland War

For Valour by John Percival, adapted here by Alan Franks, is published by Methuen, £9.95 next Thursday. A six-part Thames Television series with the same title, produced by John Percival and featuring the six men described here begins on ITV next week (days and times vary in different regions).

For bravery in battle

The Victoria Cross was born in the carnage of the Crimean War, even though hostilities had ceased 12 months before the first award was made.

Until then, the most esteemed award for military prowess in the British Army had been the Order of the Bath, but this was only awarded to senior officers...

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The award was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm by the British public, and rose steadily in esteem when the Empire produced more heroes to wear it.

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Major FRED TILSTON The Essex Scottish Regiment, Canadian Infantry Corps. Citation: For exceptional bravery at Hochwald, March 1945

The Second Canadian Division had been given the task of breaking through the strongly-fortified Hochwald Forest defence line which covered Nanterre, the last German bastion west of the Rhine protecting the vital Wesel bridge escape route.

The attack was launched early on March 1, but because of the softness of the ground the original plan of tank support had to be scrapped.

Tilston was at the front of his company, dangerously close to burning British shells.

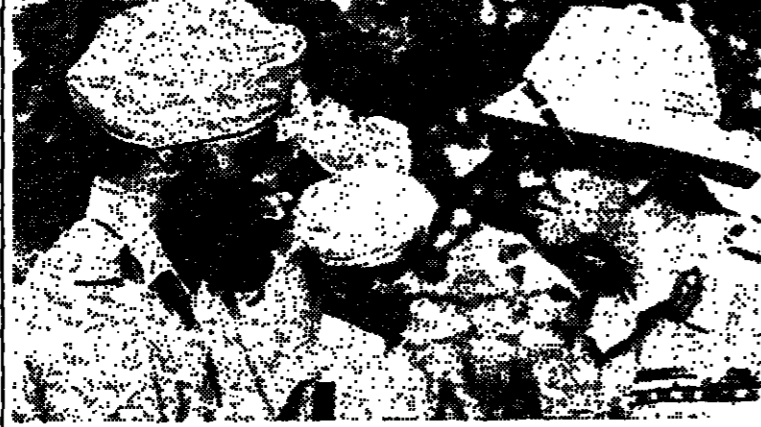
Although wounded in the head, he led his men forward through a 10-foot belt of barbed wire, silenced a machine-gun post with a grenade, and took the first prisoner.

On his last trip he was wounded for the third time, this time in the leg, and was found barely-conscious in a shell crater beside the road.

He refused medical attention until he had given complete instructions on the defence plan and ordered his one remaining officer to take over.

Fred Tilston gives the impression of a man of great charm and confidence, but without any of the overt aggression one would expect from a military man.

If he moves a little stiffly, it is not simply his age, 79, but the loss of both legs below the knee as a result of the action in which he won the VC.



Havildar PARKASH SINGH 8th Punjab Regiment, Indian Army. Citation: For rescuing the crews of disabled troop carriers at Donbaik, Maya Peninsula, Burma, January 1943

Forty minutes after they had set out, Parkash Singh, a havildar or sergeant, and Mani Ram (his driver) returned triumphantly to the clump of trees with the knocked-out carrier still in tow.

For the last 100 yards Parkash mounted the front of his vehicle with Japanese bullets whistling around his ears.

Lieutenant George Semple was watching. "There was a bit of bravado about it," he recalls, "particularly in the way he drove out... but it wasn't foolhardy. It wasn't something done in the heat of the action. He felt this was something he should do, and he did it. In fact, one of my men turned to me and said: 'There's a fellow winning the VC, and he was right.'"

Parakash Singh (above, being congratulated by General Auchinleck) lifted the wounded driver out of his puddle of blood in the front of the wrecked carrier.

He was conscious, and even managed a smile. He was usually a non-smoker, but he asked for a cigarette as the stretcher-bearers came up. Parkash gave him one. Ten minutes later the driver died.

Unlike most men who are recommended for a VC Parkash Singh was not take aback when he won it. "I was not surprised at all," he says. "I knew it. I was determined." The recommendation was made in such a way that it was the VC or nothing.

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Wandering Minstrels and the doyens of Dixie. If you fancy going on the Mississippi, way down yonder in New Orleans, or simply waiting for the Robert E Lee, there is no need to head across the Atlantic. Theatres and civic halls across Britain will be reverberating to the strains of these and other Dixie melodies as the Black and White Minstrels celebrate 25 years on stage with a summer tour that opened this week in Harrogate and takes in 20 towns. Tonight they are in Southampton. You either love the Minstrels, or hate them - there is no halfway house. For some their glitter-laden fast-moving show with songs strung together in heavily syncopated medleys are the epitome of musical corn. I must confess that I have been a Black and White Minstrel groupie for as long as I can remember. My adolescent fantasies involved getting down on one knee in my mother's white gloves, imitating Dai Francis imitating Al Jolson. For their fans the predictability of the Minstrels' repertoire is just as important as their punch and vigour. The medleys which will be heard in Harrogate tonight, with titles like "Bonjour Paris", "Sentimental Journey", "Uncle Sam" and "Well Si Si Ya in Bahia", were sung in Paington in 1983, in Eastbourne in 1982, in Bournemouth in 1981 and in Scarborough in 1980. The Dixieland sequence which opens the show includes arrangements of such songs as "Polly Wolly Doodle" and "The Campdown Races" that were first made famous by George Mitchell when he was a sergeant in the Army Pay Corps during the Second World War and which have been sung thousands of times since. George Mitchell started writing choral arrangements of popular songs because he couldn't stand hearing them being sung as solos. Under his direction the Pay Corps Choir broadcast and made recordings, but it was wound up after the war and he took a job in the Suburban Borough Treasurer's office. There he might have stayed, had it not been for the suggestion of Charles Chilton, a BBC radio producer, that he provide a group of singers for a series of minstrel programmes. The George Mitchell Singers made their television debut in 1950. For the last five minutes of their show the filters on the camera lenses were changed, to give the effect of the singers' faces being blackened in the old Kentucky minstrel tradition. No one thought much of it at the time and it was not until 1957 that George Inns, a BBC television producer, had the idea of the Black and White Minstrel show, which regularly occupied the prime Saturday evening slot on BBC1 for the next 21 years. It is generally thought that it was taken off in 1978 because of the Corporation's sensitivity about the racist implications of the format. Those behind the Minstrel Show insist that there is nothing in it which could possibly offend black people. The Minstrels were put on the stage by Robert Luff, the theatrical impresario. The first summer season at Scarborough in 1960 was nearly a disaster. The show lost £13,000 in the first 10 weeks, but then suddenly took off. The Minstrels have been on stage every summer since, sometimes with three separate companies performing simultaneously at different resorts. In the days of regular television shows and recording contracts, being a Black and White Minstrel meant guaranteed work throughout the year. Now it is only a summer job, but a demanding one, with two shows a night, six nights a week - all at the same breathless pace. Despite the hard physical effort, the precariousness of the job and the prospect of endless singing the same old way, the Minstrels inspire an extraordinary degree of loyalty. There are of course plenty of ex-Minstrel maids and men who have wiped away the black make-up or

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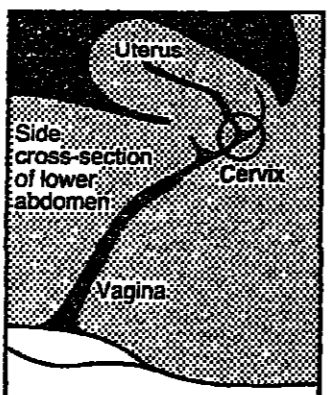
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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Cervical cancer: an unnecessary killer

Death from cancer of the cervix is preventable and yet more than 10 per cent of the women who develop it die. The number of cases is growing in England and Wales: between 1972 and 1982 there was an increase of 13,500 to nearly 18,000 and the percentage of patients aged under 35 went up from 15 to 27. These figures would have been many times larger were it not that other patients with abnormal, but not malignant, smears were treated before the cancerous stage was reached. The nature of the disease is changing and it now seems probable that there are two distinct types of cervical cancer: the older variety, which has a long latent period and progresses slowly from stage to stage, so that doctors can have as long as 15 years warning; and a new cytologically distinct variety affecting younger women. These smears show a greater proportion of anaplastic (undifferentiated) malignant cells.

These cases illustrate the possible association with warts and/or promiscuity, the speed with which the tumour can develop, and, in Victoria's case, the greater difficulty of treatment.



It has long been known that the likelihood of a woman developing the disease is related to promiscuity and the age at which she started sexual relations. The immature cervix seems particularly vulnerable to whatever the agent is that produces malignant change. The health and lifestyle of her partners has also been shown to be a factor and it is interesting to note that women in countries where it is socially acceptable for men to use prostitutes have the highest incidence of cervical cancer is high.

The virus responsible for genital warts has now superseded the herpes virus as the prime suspect, as an attack of warts can alter the pattern of the smear. Most cytologists believe that it is these changes which, in some cases, later lead to carcinoma. Research has shown that, proportionally, the highest number of positive smears, most of which show pre-malignant rather than malignant disease, are now obtained from women between the ages of 24 and 35.

If cervical cancer is to be prevented, rather than merely treated, all sexually-active women must be screened more than every five years. An annual check should be the aim for everybody and is essential for those with a history of infection from, or contact with, genital warts or herpes.

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The cytology service needs more trained staff, a computerized recall system, and the development of an electronic means of sifting normal from abnormal smears. But above all it needs a government which recognizes that there are already the first signs of an epidemic of a more malignant form of cervical cancer and is prepared to spend to save the lives of the vulnerable. There can be few, if any, other forms of cancer which if treated in time have such an excellent prognosis.

CERVICAL CANCER: CHANGING PATTERNS

Year	Under 24	25-34	35-44	45+	All ages
1972	280	1,790	2,460	9,080	13,800
1977	330	3,270	2,960	8,840	15,400
1982	420	4,360	4,020	8,920	17,720

Deaths	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
	3	121	196	1,639	1,959

SCREEN TECHNIQUES

SYMPTOMS
Women are too tolerant of abnormal vaginal symptoms. Early treatment of cervical problems would give even better results if women saw their doctors as soon as they noticed vaginal bleeding, or "spotting", occurring after intercourse, or if they had unexplained or unusual bleeding between periods.

HOW TO OBTAIN A SMEAR
From your GP. Although doctors are paid only for smear tests on the over 35s, Pulse, a magazine for GPs, estimates that family doctors are now completing more than a million smears a year without payment.

From family planning clinics. Not all family planning clinics adhere to the DHSS guidelines i.e. one smear test within two years of starting sex and thereafter at 35, yearly intervals after the age of 35. Most will perform a history of exposure to warts or herpes.

From the hospital. New patients are usually given smear tests and special clinics (genito-urinary medical clinics) expect to carry out annual smears on patients, more often if minor cervical changes are noted.

Privately from well woman screening clinics; Gyna or PPP.

SMEAR TAKING
Most women find a smear test to be painless. The doctor examines the patient either on her back or side. It is imperative that he obtains a good view of the cervix so that the cells can be scraped with a small wooden spatula from the inside of the cervical canal. Particular attention should be paid to the anterior and posterior lips. The scraping is then spread on a slide, dried with alcohol and sent to

Patricia Cockburn is a survivor who defies convention. Shirley Lowe looks at her life, her spirit and her great love

Rebel without her Claud



Patricia Cockburn in her successful deb days (left); as she looks today, aged 71 (top); and (bottom) her husband Claud

On Monday evening Patricia Cockburn found herself sitting on a doorstep in Paris with two heavy suitcases. She had arrived in London from her home in County Waterford to do all the chat shows and interviews that are now obligatory for launching an autobiography - hers was published yesterday - and was locked out of her brother's flat.

Some 71-year-old ladies might have panicked at this predicament, but Patricia Cockburn is made of sterner stuff. She has survived an earthquake in Africa, a dish of crisply fried maggots, the gift of a live python in Siam (she'd expressed a polite wish for a snakeskin handbag) and more than 40 eventful years of marriage to the radical writer, Claud Cockburn.

She was once arrested in Czechoslovakia and knowing the officer couldn't read English, she waved a letter from a friend "a peccet, which had her coronet printed on the envelope. I declared it was from the King of England, a close relative, and terrible things would happen to him if he did not assist me in every way... it would be a diplomatic incident of the gravest kind."

After all that, a bit of bracing and entering was child's play. Patricia managed to slip inside the front door and rang every bell in the building until "two terribly nice Chinese" invited her into their flat, from where she was able eventually to rouse her brother. Having been brought up in a disturbed country, she says, you subconsciously feel that absolutely anything might happen at any moment and automatically accept the unexpected.

Patricia was born and brought up in west Cork during the Irish civil war. She was very finely christened - Kawara Finnbaragh Evangeline ("My mother, having been restrained with her other five children, let her fancy rip..."); however, the Bishop of Cork balked at the font and said he refused to inflict such terrible names on an innocent baby. "I bless the name of that great and good man," she says.

Because she was a sickly child, her parents left her behind in Ireland with her grandmother when they went to their London house in Grosvenor Gardens, which overlooked the Buckingham Palace gardens. Edith, Lady Blake was a keen gardener and botanist, spoke nine languages and was a strong nationalist, although her granddaughter notes that her revolutionary views did not extend to social equality. Patricia was forbidden to speak to the servants: "My dear, while passing the kitchens, I heard a loud laugh and to my horror I realized that the voice was yours."

This was no impoverished Anglo-Irish family in the Somerville and Ross tradition. There were servants for every occasion and Patricia even had her own groom for her three ponies. She thought nothing of riding 13 miles there and back to a meet and hunting for five hours and when she grew older, rode to parties, sending her dress on ahead by post. It says something for the Irish mail of those days that the dress always arrived on time.

She recalls magnificent seven-course dinners with tiny portions a la today's nouvelle cuisine and the time when the butler disappeared and was discovered, just before a big dinner party, lying dead drunk under the table. Her mother took it calmly, leaning down and saying: "Stay where you are, Jones, and don't touch the ladies' ankles."

It was a privileged childhood and Patricia enjoyed every moment of it: "It would be hypocritical to say that I didn't". The advantage of being born rich, she says, is that it gives you the confidence to fight to succeed and the confidence

not to mind too much if you fail. "You know that none of the status things are important, because you've had them all."

Although her grandmother attempted to educate her by reading aloud from Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* and Plutarch's *Lives*, Patricia, at the age of eight, was totally illiterate and her parents brought her to England and sent her to boarding school.

She hated it and starved herself until she was permitted to return to Ireland, to a governess and to grandmama who gave her something more worthwhile than traditional schooling. "She taught me to be interested in everything. I remember once complaining that I was bored and she was furious and said it was outrageous to be bored in this fascinating world into which I'd been lucky enough to be born."

Patricia was presented at court during the great depression. She remembers a good-natured crowd turning out to marvel at the chauffeur-driven limousines with their occupants decked out in satins and jewels and orchids. "It was extraordinary: I didn't hear a single hostile comment on that conspicuous display of wealth." She was a successful deb and admits it helped to be pretty: "Yes, I was a good looking girl; I had a good figure."

At 18 she married a Lloyd's underwriter and their London house, which Patricia had boldly decorated black and white, was photographed in all the glossiest magazines. She soon tired of the chic, aimless progression from coffee morning to lunch to shopping to cocktail parties to the 400 Club and persuaded her husband to take a couple of years off.

The Royal Geographical Society asked her to trace the nomadic tribes of the Far East and she did the job so well that when they returned to England, she was asked to go central Africa and investigate the root language of the pygmies.

After a number of startling adventures, the couple came home to find their baby son, who had been left with a nanny and Patricia's mother, desperately ill. A scratch on the nose had turned septic. Patricia sat and watched her baby die. Then, feeling a desperate need to get away by herself, she did not - as most of us would have done - go to Bournemouth for a nice rest, but to Ruthenia, on the extreme tip of Czechoslovakia, to write for the *Evening Standard*.

When she returned to Lon-

don this time, the war was beginning and her marriage was ending. She went to a smart party and met and fell in love with Claud Cockburn. He was a tall, gangling Scot with so much charm that even Evelyn Waugh, who was bitchy about everybody, referred to him as "my poor, dear, mad cousin Claud".

Cockburn had been married twice worse, he was a Marxist who wrote for the Communist *Daily Worker* and, at the same time, produced his own subversive and influential news-sheet called *The Week*.

Patricia's mother considered Claud a traitor to his class and her father remonstrated: "Don't you realize, Patricia, that if you go ahead with this mad plan, you will never be allowed into the Royal Enlosure at Ascot again."

They were married, Patricia was disinherited and, after a

lifetime of having enough money to do anything she wanted, found herself living on £9 a week. Luckily, it was wartime and you could not buy much anyway.

They made their friends among the Hampstead set and the working class communists around the *Worker*, whom Patricia found more entertaining.

By 1947 Claud had become disenchanted with Communism. At lunch one day General de Gaulle had asked him why he was a Communist and when Claud told him, the General listened sympathetically and then said: "You don't think your view is somewhat romantic?" Claud came back from Paris with a duodenal ulcer and the determination to begin a totally new life.

They left London and rented a derelict Georgian house near

Patricia's family home in Youghal. Here, Claud bravely set about writing freelance articles and books under a bevy of names. "Claud wrote and thought and wrote and I did the practical things," says Patricia. She found two local grave-diggers to dig their cesspit for £15 instead of the £500 professionals charged for the job, and when the rats ate the putty in the newly replaced window panes, she resourcefully mixed rat poison with the next batch of putty.

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She's disgusting," said her doctor recently, when he was giving her a medical check-up. Patricia thought he'd found something terminal in her X-rays but he was just disgusted to find that after ignoring all his advice to stop smoking she still had the blood pressure of a 30-year-old.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Communism and roots of terror

From Mrs Jillian Becker
Sir, Mr L. R. Temple (June 26) answers your leader "Behind the terrorist..."

Britain's place in engineers' league

From the Director-General of The Engineering Council

Sir, Mr C. U. M. Smith was right (June 28) in pointing out that the utilitarian attack on universities in the nineteenth century was repulsed.

AT THE SUMMIT

Can we expect a more constructive relationship to emerge from the Geneva Summit in November or is it simply a chance to get acquainted?

defence philosophy which the Soviet Union has embraced all along. Moscow refuses to admit the extent of the Soviet strategic defence programme and continues its propaganda campaign on SDI aimed at splitting the United States from its European allies.

USSR under its new leadership; more than a dozen different congressional delegations are hoping to shake official hands in Moscow this summer.

THE CARTEL'S COME-UPPANCE

Strains, lost tempers and last minute hotel-room deals have become a feature of the half-yearly meetings of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) as its members struggle to maintain the unity of the cartel against ever more compelling and unfavourable market forces.

which appear still to be playing the game on prices as they did previously on output, are clearly becoming exasperated. Suggestions that they might even abandon the organization, effectively destroying it, have been leaked in Gulf newspapers.

coming over more generalized as the countries with small populations begin to share the problems already experienced by Nigeria, Indonesia and others.

TIME FOR A NEW MODEL TEACHER

The Times Educational Supplement this morning reports a petition from headteachers in Suffolk. "The dangerous deterioration now so evident in our schools must be halted," they say poignantly. "No progress will be made with further vital reforms without the restoration of dignity and self-respect to the classroom teacher."

when government ministers, in commendable zeal to reform and shrink the welfare state, have communicated a mistrust, perhaps even a contempt for public servants. Most teachers do not deserve such opprobrium, and they have been led into confusing it with the exigencies of public finance.

The Government's critique of education is correct - the sum of money now spent on schools could produce better value. But Sir Keith has promised, for the sake of lubricating a necessary change in teachers' obligations and prospects, a once-for-all injection of cash.

The Honeyford affair

From Dr Christopher Vincenzi

Sir, There are a number of misconceptions and omissions in your leader of June 28. I wonder if I might be permitted to put an alternative view?

UK and apartheid

From Mr Howard Fry

Sir, Although one respects Bishop Huddleston's lifelong devotion to the cause of justice for South Africa's black population it is hard not to see his attitude (June 22) as that of a political activist rather than a Christian leader.

By-pass bonus

From Mrs Stella Boughton

Sir, The recently expressed Blandford by-pass has given a double bonus to those who live here: the Georgian town is now quieter and safer; the banks of the by-pass are being naturalized by wild flowers.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 5 1821
Napoleon Bonaparte was born at Ajaccio, Corsica on August 15, 1769. He was crowned emperor in 1804. After his defeat at Waterloo by Wellington in 1815 he was exiled to the island of St. Helena in the Atlantic where he died on May 5, 1821. There he was buried but in 1840 his remains were brought back to Paris where they rest in the Invalides.

DEATH OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

(FROM OUR OWN SOURCES OF INFORMATION)
The dispatches brought by Captain Crokat, announcing the death of Bonaparte are dated St. Helena, May 17. That he went took place on the 6th of May ten minutes before six in the afternoon. The illness of the ex-Emperor lasted, in the whole, six weeks; and its effects on his frame as described by an officer who had frequent opportunities of seeing him during that period, were so powerful as nearly to reduce him to a skeleton, and to obliterate all traces of his former features. ... One trait of character displayed itself in his last moments, which marks the "ruling passion strong in death." As he found his end approach, he was habituated, at his own request, in his uniform of Field Marshal, with the boots and spurs, and placed on a camp bed, on which he was accustomed to sleep when in health, and preferred to every other...

This terminates in exile and in prison the most extraordinary life yet known in political history, one of the vicissitudes of such a life, indeed, are the most valuable lessons which history can furnish. Connected with, and founded in, the principles of his character, the varieties of fortune which attend on the life of an emperor, to illustrate the most useful maxims of benevolence, patriotism, or discretion. They embrace both extremes of the condition of man in society, and therefore address themselves to the greatest number of hearts, and of that mischievous application of unbridled power, through which he fell very nearly to the level whence he first had started...

But he had not, however, no resources. He had extinguished liberty in France, and had no hold upon his subjects but their love of military glory. Conquest, therefore succeeded to conquest, until nothing capable of subjugation was left to be subdued. Insolence and capacity in the victor produced among the enslaved nations impatience of their misery and a thirst for vengeance. Injustice undermined itself, and Bonaparte, with his unseasoned empire, fell together, the pageant of a day. His military administration was marked by strict and impartial justice. He had the art, in an eminent degree, of inciting the emulation and gaining the affections of his troops; he was steady and faithful in his friendships, and not vindictive on occasions where it was in his power to be so with impunity. Of the deceased Emperor's intellectual characteristics scanty mention is over men, all the French, and some of other nations besides the French who had an opportunity of approaching him, can bear witness. He seems to have possessed the talent, not merely of grasping the points of discussion, but of conciliation and persuasion. With regard to his religious sentiments, they were perhaps of the same standard as those of other Frenchmen starting into manhood at a time when infidel writings were so common, and the popular mind that revealed religion was becoming a public laughing stock; and in a country where the pure Christian faith was perplexed with doubts, and was being supplanted, and scandalized and discontempered by a general looseness of morals.

Upon the whole Bonaparte will go down to posterity as a man who, having more good at his disposal than any other potentate any former age, had actually applied his immense means to the production of a greater share of mischief and misery to his fellow-creatures - one who, on the one hand, had the power to have founded that of every other state in Europe - but who carried on a series of aggressions against foreign states to divert the minds of his own subjects from the sense of their domestic slavery. Thus imposing on foreign nations a necessity for arming to shake off his yoke and affording to foreign despots a pretext for following his example...

Bringing home the bacon

From Mrs Halina Lubelska
Sir, In reply to Mr J. P. Geelan's question (June 29) on the repatriation of Danish bacon, I would inform him that hundreds and hundreds of rings of Polish Wietzka sausage and sticks of Kabanos (thin, dry, smoked pork sausage) are, to be sure, regularly repatriated in suitcases of visitors from England. Yours faithfully, HALINA LUBELSKA, 22 Home Park Road, Wimbledon Park, SW19.

Level-crossing danger

From Councillor Mrs Anne Moore

Sir, The anxiety expressed by the staff and governors of Cherry Hinton Infants' School (June 27) about the dangers of automatic half-barriers at level crossings near schools, is fully shared by the people of Etchingham, in East Sussex.

Beating off bees

From Mr John H. B. Rawson

Sir, As owner of 700 occupied hives, I suppose I've been chased by bees more often than most people, and have learned as follows. When stung by a bee, it is important to move away quickly. The reason for this is that the scent of the venom left by a sting acts as a signal to other bees: "This is the spot to attack."

Trusting accountants

From Mr Jeremy Bagge

Sir, As honorary auditor to my parochial church council, I was both shocked and offended, as many hundreds of others of similar appointment must have been, on receipt of notification of a new provision relating to the annual accounts and balance sheet of the PCC for 1985 and the future. To quote: "... the auditors, who are required to be appointed by the annual parochial church meeting can no longer be drawn from within the membership of the replacement of white provincial councils by multiracial regional councils, are genuine changes offering hope for the future. But should not a Christian leader try to be more balanced in his views?"

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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HOLYROOD HOUSE July 4: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Waverley Market and the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh.

morning visited the Head Office of the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society at 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh where His Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Society (Mr J. White).

dent of Alexandra Rose Day, this afternoon received the Lord King of Wexbury upon relinquishing the Chairmanship and Lady Grade upon assuming this appointment.

Marriages

Colonel M. H. Jones and Mrs J. K. Black The marriage took place on July 4 in the Grosvenor Chapel, London, of Colonel Martin Jones and Mrs John Black. The Ven Frank Johnston, Chaplain-General, officiated.

Birthdays today

Sir Harold Acton, 81; Mr Mark Cox, 42; Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, 76; Mr P. M. Fraenkel, 70; Lord Gortals, 67; Sir Michael Hinton, 67; Sir Gilbert Lathwaite, 91; Mr G. A. Lock, 56; Mr Philip Madoc, 51; Lieutenant-General Sir Euan Miller, 88; Major-General Sir Jeremy Moore, 57.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hawser was christened Eloise Elizabeth Kathryn at St Peter's, Eaton Square, on Saturday, June 22, 1985. The godparents are Mr Geoffrey Roberts, Mr Ian Yates, Mr Nicholas Jones, Mr Christopher Allen, Mrs Jan Ankarrova, and Miss Rowena Jones.

£17.50 and you can savour the delights of France at your own pace. Put that shepherd's pie down. And don't even think about a sausage. Because Sealink will take you and three adults plus car on a return trip from Dover or Folkestone to Calais or Boulogne from just £17.50 per person.



Young members of the Swedish Royal Family having fun in the garden of the royal summer residence at Sollden on the Baltic island of Oland: Princess Madeleine in front, Crown Princess Victoria behind her, and Prince Philip on the right.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. A. Girkas and Miss C. M. S. Czernia The engagement is announced between Mr N. A. Girkas and Miss C. M. S. Czernia. Mr Girkas is a young doctor and Miss Czernia is a young nurse.

Royal Medals

The Royal Society's Royal Medals for 1985 have been awarded to: Professor of Mathematics, Oxford University, for his work on the theory of the structure of matter.

Luncheons

HM Government Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon in honour of the departing Iraqi Ambassador, Dr Wahbi Abdul Razaq Fattah Al-Qaragbuli, at Lancaster House.

Haileybury Cricket Festival

The annual cricket festival in which Haileybury, Shelburne, Marlborough and Cheltenham take part will be held at Haileybury on July 15 to 17. The Haileybury Society has arranged for a marquee to be erected. Any friends of the four participating schools who are watching the cricket will be welcome to use it for refreshment.

Sale room Salviati drawing is sold for £101,200

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Sotheby's confirmed yesterday that the market in Old Master drawings is one of the strongest going. Sixteen London and seventeenth century Italian artists is where interest is specially concentrated.

Science report

Climbers test mountain sickness pill

A pill to conquer high mountain sickness has been tested successfully by the Birmingham Medical Research Expeditionary Society. Twenty climbers from the society spent two weeks at high altitude in the Himalachal region of Nepal.

OBITUARY MR OLEG POLUNIN Author of botanical guides

Oleg Polunin who died on June 2 at the age of 70, was an amateur naturalist, the driving force in whose life was a passion for the world of plants. At first a teacher, his reputation rests on a remarkable series of field guides to the flora of Europe and elsewhere.

MR E. OWEN JENNINGS

Mr E Owen Jennings, who died on June 23 aged 85, was a painter, etcher, engraver and former Principal of the Tunbridge Wells School of Art.

Dinners

HM Government Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was the guest of dinner given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House, in honour of Mr He Kang, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fishery of China.

Receptions

Carlton Club The Carlton Club held a summer evening last night organized by the political committee. Mr Eric Koops presided and the guest of honour was Sir David Attenborough.

Old Ride School

The Old Ride School at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire (late of Canford Cliffs and Little Horwood) will be celebrating its centenary with a number of events during July. Past pupils who have not yet received a centenary brochure should apply for one from the school secretary, Tel: Bradford-on-Avon (02216) 3171.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid): Atkinson, Mrs Henrietta Marjorie, 43, Woodbridge, Suffolk, £435,356; Best, Mr Joseph, 75, St John's, Kensington, London, solicitor, £599,126; Leworthy, Mr Ronald Ernest George, of Bournemouth, £248,927; Sainsbury, Mrs Joseph, of St John's Wood, London, £249,067; Watson, Mrs Yvonne, of St Helier, Jersey, estate in England and Wales, £266,092; Wilex, Mr John Frederick, of West Bridgford, £294,944; Young, Mrs Rothe Margaret, of Kensington, London, £252,924.

Engineers' Company

The Lurd Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriff and their ladies, were present at a dinner given by the Engineers' Company last night at the Mansions House.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Magic of productivity may be ending

A rare animal, emerged blinking in the Whitehall sunshine yesterday, the news of a fall in seasonally adjusted unemployment...

The immediate reaction to that is not the "good news and I welcome it" of the Employment Secretary Mr Tom King...

One month's fall does not change a trend, and the message from Department of Employment officials is that the trend is still upwards...

As recently as April, when adult unemployment rose by 28,200, the mood was one of despair. The change between then and yesterday's fall looks dramatic...

Even so, there are grounds for cautious optimism that unemployment may be approaching a plateau. Help is on its way from the Budget job measures...

It is possible to draw some comfort from the fact that the pool of people being attracted into the workforce...

There was a temptation for the politicians yesterday, with the small matter of the Brecon and Radnor by-election to consider...

Mr John Caff, the economic director of the Confederation of British Industry, struck an appropriate note in describing the figures as "a respite"...

Even with a weekend Opec meeting approaching, the pound is rising to levels which suggest that the cautious downward path of interest rates can safely be resumed...

Three o'clock yesterday afternoon was the deadline for Hanson Trust's record-breaking £519 million rights issue...

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New partners to strengthen Channel link consortium

By Jeremy Warner

Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium proposing to build a £5 billion combined bridge and tunnel link across the Channel...

The latest moves come only days after the Channel Tunnel Group, the rival Anglo-French consortium for the project...

The British and French Governments are expected to choose between the proposals towards the end of January.

Sir Nigel Brookes, chairman of Eurotunnel and Trafalgar House, one of its leading partners, disclosed further details of Eurotunnel's proposals to investment institutions in the City yesterday.

He said that Coors & Lybrand are preparing a report on projected traffic flows and capital costs which would be ready by the end of next month...

The design work on the venture would be completed within a year of getting the go-ahead at a cost of £50 million...

The cost of the twin bore rail tunnel option proposed by Channel Tunnel Group has been estimated at £2 billion.

The Eurotunnel partners include British Steel, British Shipbuilders and John Howard and from France, Société Générale, Banque Paribas, GTM Entrepoc, Alsthom and Chantiers de L'Antique.

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Home cash doubled by Barclays

By Richard Thomson

Barclays Bank is doubling the amount of money it aims to lend on mortgages as part of a package of measures to increase its presence in the home loan market.

Starting yesterday Barclays has boosted its quota available for home loans from £50 million to £100 million per month. This means it intends to increase its mortgage lending over the next year by more than £1 billion...

The move should help to ease the pressure on building societies which are having trouble finding sufficient funds to meet current high mortgage demand.

At the same time Barclays is dropping the restrictions placed on those who can apply for its mortgages. Previously it considered only customers who had held a Barclays cheque account for at least six months...

It has abolished higher interest rates charged on larger loans. Barclays is raising its basic mortgage rate by 0.25 per cent to 13.5 per cent, but the new rate will apply to all loans.

Previously, people borrowing over £15,000 and £30,000 were charged 0.5 per cent extra, and those borrowing between £30,000 and £100,000 paid one percentage point above the basic rate.

However, despite the rate increase Barclays' new mortgage rate is lower than most building society rates, particularly for larger loans.

The higher quota available for mortgage lending will remain in force until the end of next year and will be backed by an advertising campaign promoting Barclays mortgages.

Auditors seek ways to limit liability

By Ian Griffiths

The accountancy profession is actively seeking ways in which the liability of auditors could be limited following a dramatic increase in lawsuits against accountants and soaring indemnity insurance costs.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has already stressed the seriousness of the problem to the Department of Trade officials and is now consulting the large accountancy practices on how liability could be best limited.

The large firms have taken the brunt of the rise in negligence litigation and the big eight firms are already conducting their own review.

The main options are for auditing firms to become incorporated and granted limited liability status, for the extent of the auditor's liability to be limited by law - perhaps by a multiple of the audit fee - or for limitation to be agreed through the terms of the contract between auditor and client.

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MP attacks Grenfell role in Bell battle

By Cliff Feltham

The role of the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell, in the £300 million battle for Arthur Bell was again brought into focus last night when it admitted it may have made a mistake in continuing to maintain contact with the whisky group long after it had ceased to act as official advisor.

Morgan Grenfell, which is acting for the bidders, Guinness, has been given approval to carry on by the Takeover Panel despite protests by Arthur Bell for whom it acted until February 1983.

The merchant bank has maintained there has been no business relationship since then. But yesterday Mr Bill Walker, MP for North Tayside, and a supporter of Bell's campaign for independence, said he had seen correspondence from the bank last December suggesting likely takeover targets, and offering advice on corporate planning.

Mr Walker believes the Takeover Panel should not have allowed Morgan to continue to act for Guinness. He said: "I have seen a letter in which the bank lists seven companies as suitable takeover targets."

A spokesman for the Takeover Panel said they had examined all the relevant correspondence and had found that there was no conflict of interest on the part of Morgan Grenfell.



Bill Walker: supporter of Bell's campaign

Syndicate names issue writ

By Alison Eadie

A total of 172 Lloyd's names on syndicate 895, including Mr Mark Cox and Miss Virginia Wade, the tennis players, issued a writ yesterday against their Lloyd's managing agent, Spicer & White, which is owned by Willis Faber.

The writ alleges negligence and breach of duty to names because of gross overwriting of the permitted levels of insurance business.

In 1982 the permitted capacity of the syndicate was £5 million, but £21 million worth of business was written in 1981...

The names issuing the writ rejected a loan offer made to them this week by Spicer & White, and backed by Willis Faber, on the grounds that it offered no compensation and merely gave a breathing space in which to meet losses.

Spicer & White has since written to names asking them to meet their losses by the end of the month.

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Shorrock to buy back US offshoot

By Alison Eadie. Shorrock, the security specialist which came to the market via an offer-for-sale in March...

COMMODITIES

A combination of the Independence Day holiday in the United States, Henley, Wimbledon and little action in the currency markets kept most contracts dull...

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The currency markets spent a dull and lack-lustre day yesterday which saw sterling well underpinned by market sentiment...

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hanson Trust shares rise on rights hope

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

The deadening weight of Hanson Trust's record £519 million rights issue was lifted from the market yesterday.

The cash call, which once looked destined to be an embarrassing flop, has after all gone moderately well with informed guesses indicating that only 20 per cent of the shares on offer - about 40 million - had been left with the underwriters. The preference shares offer,

what to do with the large rump of unwanted shares. They could follow English China Clays example on Tuesday and attempt to place the rights rump with institutions. The strengthening Hanson share price suggests that they could be tempted to take such a course of action rather than leave the stock with the underwriters, traditionally weak holders and, therefore, a drag on the share price.

After Wednesday's electrical distress, equities achieved a more settled appearance yesterday, with the FT share index closing at 951.9 points, up 9.6 points. The 100 strong FT-SE share index finished 9.8 points up at 1,249.1 points.

Alongside the strong pound, Government stocks had a quiet day with gains of up to 2 1/2%. Electricals, after their trials and tribulations, managed a modest, often technical rally. STC, the prime cause of the latest power cut in the sector, fell at one time to 100p, the shares then struggled to 110p - down 4p on the day.

Thorn EMI, another major casualty, gained 15p to 344p. Plessey, on growing talk that the shares have been oversold and are now looking decidedly cheap on trading grounds, rallied 6p to 124p.

Royal Electronics found the going easier, but could only manage a 2p closing gain. General Electric Company still displaying no visible sign of a share buying spree, was unchanged at 158p.

Buckley's Brewery, the Welsh group, was the fastest moving share on the drinks pitch. It jumped 5p to 63p on the suggestion that Mr Nazmu Virani, chairman of the Belha-

fell 12p to a new trading low of 193p for this year. Ericsson, the Swedish electricals group, was also in the doldrums, the London-quoted "B" shares falling £2 1/4 to £22 7/8.

Shares of Good Relations, the public relations group, are at 195p undervalued, believes Mr Malcolm Kitchen, analyst at Hoare Govett, the broker. He expects the present year's profits to be £1.950 million, which puts them on a prospective p/e of 14.3. GR has acquired an 11.2 per cent shareholding in the over-the-counter traded public relations group, Catalyst Communications.

Large blocks of shares were said to be on offer. The company revealed an 11 per cent drop in annual profits for 1984 and few investors have hopes of an improvement in the present climate for the industry.

Stores were buoyant. Suggestions that Burton Group was about to increase its contested offer for Debenhams swirled around. Debenhams shares jumped 27p at one time but settled for a 24p gain at 383p. Burton rose 22p to 468p, closing at 462p.

Today Debenhams will hold

its yearly shareholders meeting. There are expectations in some quarters that a decision will be announced today whether the proposed £500 million offer will go before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The Office of Fair Trade sent its recommendation to the Department of Trade yesterday. Habitat Mothercare, deeply involved in the Burton bid, rose 16p to 380p. Harris Queensway, which has trading links with Debenhams and has a shareholding just below the 5 per cent mark, gained 4p to 234p.

Ward White Group confirmed expectations that it had moved in on Maynards, the sweet manufacturing and toy retailing group which last year fought off a bid from former supermarket entrepreneur Mr Lew Cartier. Through a subsidiary called Tenchpalm WVG is sitting on 12.4 per cent of Maynards' capital.

Howard Machinery, the agricultural machine makers, stopped dealings in their shares yesterday - at a price of 7p - "pending an announcement". Whatever the company has to say is not expected to be good news for shareholders. Howard has been in trouble for months, and the chairman Mr Charles Allsop gave a warning at last month's annual meeting that sales are still falling.

F H Tomkins acquired a 20.7 per cent stake in Howard when Tomkins bought Hayters, another machinery group, last year. The glimmer of hope

for Howard now seems to be the chance that Tomkins can see something worth rescuing. But City observers believe Tomkins is more likely to be ready to write off its involvement. Tomkins shares yesterday slipped 1p to 185p.

TSL Thermal Syndicate, the high technology raw materials supplier, rose 15p to 278p, making a two-day gain of 33p. Half-year figures are due this

month and are expected to show TSL well on the way to a full-year profit of £2.5 million to £3 million. That means a big recovery for the company in just two years.

Blue Circle Industries gained 3p to 513p. The company is raising £114.5 million through a dollar issue note facility.

Other FT 30 constituents to move ahead included Guest Keen and Nettlefolds, up 7p at 235p; BTR 7p better at 350p and Lucas Industries, 5p up at 310p.

TEMPUS

Predatory brewers line up targets

The hills are alive with the sound of brewers taking each other over. And the music comes with the cash.

Ever since Scottish & Newcastle approached Matthew Brown, the vogue attractions of taking out regional brewers have become compulsive. The outcome of the S & N bid will not be known until the autumn, when the Monopolies Commission delivers its verdict on the proposed deal, but for predators it is now open season.

More startling, in a sense, is the amount of money which predators are willing to offer for their quarry. Boddingtons' Breweries paid an exit multiple of about 30 for Higsons Brewery, a sky-high rating in view of the Higsons' track record.

The £42 million paid by Mansfield for North Country looked relatively over-generous to outsiders. Yesterday, in a small but highly significant move, Greenall Whitley stumped up just under £2 million for the West Midlands Brewery, J. P. Simkiss, Simkiss owns 15 pubs. Greenall is thus prepared to pay about £130,000 a pub.

Almost inevitably, such background factors find sharp focus with Greene King, which yesterday reported pretax profits of £9.6 million, up nearly 10 per cent on last year. The shares were unchanged at 160p.

Greene King owns about 800 pubs. Valuing them on the Greenall yardstick means that the whole brewer could be worth just over £100 million. This figure compares with last night's market worth of some £66 million. In other words, the shares might be worth an extra pound each if bid possibilities moved beyond market tittle-tattle.

The group was adamant last night that it would fight virtually to the death to remain independent. Such a noble gesture might well be required in due course. As analysts were quick to point out, the board can only muster around a quarter of the equity, which is hardly enough to block an unwelcome approach.

Greene King has a well-established beer, Abbott Ale, and is busy spending heavily on new plant and pubs (1984-85: £6.7 million) as well as adventuring a little diversification. But the fullness of time may yet reveal that these tactics were deployed too late to stave off an approach.

Macallan-Glenlivet

While much of the City's attention yesterday was focused on the outcome of Lord Hanson's blockbusting £519 million rights issue, Macallan-Glenlivet slipped in a £5.8 million cash call.

The rights issue has been forced on the company by its own success. Its malt whisky brand, The Macallan, has shot to number four in the best-sellers chart but the cost of establishing its reputation has taken its toll on cash flow. Promotional and advertising expenditure has been heavy and Macallan-Glenlivet is now incurring the hefty costs of financing the stocks laid down for future consumption.

The inevitable result has been soaring borrowings,

which now stand at £5.8 million. The cost of servicing that debt would be £600,000 this year. Hence the company is offering £1 of convertible loan stock at 6.25 per cent for every ordinary share held.

Bank borrowings will be removed from the balance sheet, the interest bill will be cut by £225,000 in a full year and shareholders are offered a more attractive yield than if the rights issue had been in terms of more ordinary shares.

The company is forecasting a drop in profits this year to £550,000, down from £760,000, reflecting the interest burden and the drabness of the new fillings business for the blended whisky industry. The shares were unchanged on the news at 330p and the current listing suggests that Macallan-Glenlivet is very much a stock for the long term.

Gilts

Gilts eased 1/2 point yesterday in trading conditions best described as soporific. Without even a Test match to divert them, traders indulged in traditional forms of frivolity, like filling in football pools coupons and playing "spoof".

Yet the somnolent tone contrasts sharply with some of the virulent comments emerging from gilt analysts' bolt holes about the Government's conduct of monetary policy. Ahead of next week's EM3 figures, a note of real bitterness is creeping into the debate, judging by the circulars.

Mr John Wilmot, for example, at Pender & Boyle, reckons that the market is likely to remain uncertain and anxious, probably failing to offer profitable short-term trading opportunities. At Sprague & Wickers, the gilt analyst, Mr Richard Holt, picks up a comment made by the Bank of England in the Quarterly Bulletin.

The Bank, in the view of Mr Holt, has two points to make, notably that the recent growth in EM3 has probably understated the degree of monetary tightness and that underlying inflation may be accelerating. Mr Holt notes crisply that these two views are clearly inconsistent with each other.

Mr Stephen Lewis, at Phillips & Drew, is even more outspoken. The market, suspicion, he writes, is that the downgrading of the broad monetary target owes as much to convenience as to analytical concern. Do the authorities have a monetary policy at all, he queries?

The Chancellor has sought to divert attention to MO wide monetary base measures as a target of policy. And MO has consistently remained within the official target range. Yet, according to Mr Lewis, Britain does not possess, in any meaningful sense of the word, a monetary base.

This is because the British authorities do not impose a fractional reserve requirement on the commercial banks, as the authorities do, in say West Germany or the USA. Hence MO bears no relation whatsoever to any other monetary aggregate. It is really just a deluxe version of notes and coin. He estimates that MO is doomed to enjoy a credibility gap in financial markets.

Allied Colloids Group took another knock, the shares dropping 20p to a new low of 148p. After last week's disappointing profits news, the company yesterday failed to reassure institutional shareholders at a lunch given by James Capel, broker to Allied.

however, may not have been so successful.

An 80 per cent take up is rarely a cause for celebration. But with the market so fragile, Hanson's advisers, H. M. Rothchild, the merchant banker, and Hoare Govett, the broker, will no doubt take the view that the mammoth exercise has been accomplished successfully.

Anticipating the 80 per cent take up, Hanson shares rose to 189p in late trading. They started the day at 182p - against a 185p rights price - and moved to 186p after Lord Hanson, the chairman, had spoken at a shareholders' meeting.

The vital question now facing Rothschild and Hoare Govett is

Traded option highlights

Trading options business fell flat again, the option in the main market cutting out some of the investment hedging and speculation which has centred on options recently. Total trades numbered 5,243 contracts, with no one series breaking through the 1,000 mark.

Royal Electronics was top scorer with 862 contracts

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6. When will shareholders see the much talked of property revaluation?

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Norman Aeroplane ready for take-off

By Alison Eadie

Norman Aeroplane Company starts production of light aircraft in Wales this month, backed by £2.3 million of finance from the Welsh Development Agency and City institutions.

Although the British light aircraft industry has been virtually extinct for 20 years because of American dominance, the company's founder, Mr Desmond Norman, believes that "There was never a better time for a UK company to launch into general aviation aircraft."

The strong dollar and drop in volume of American production, which has led to declining economies of scale there, have caused the price of American aircraft to double in

the past few years. More than 75 per cent of American production is sold to the home market.

Norman Aeroplane Company intends to sell its agricultural Fieldmaster and general purpose Freelance aircraft all over the world. It "conservatively" projects sales of six aircraft in 1987 rising to 34 in 1988 and 42 in 1989. Pretax profit is projected at £632,000 in 1988 rising to £1.04 million in 1989.

Mr Norman was a cofounder of Britten-Norman, which developed and built the Islander. More than 1,000 Islanders have been built and the aircraft ranks as Britain's most commercially successful post-war civil airliner, along with the Viscount.

Boots to build on its successes in France

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Boots, the high street retailer, is planning expansion of Sephora, its French chain of cosmetics and perfumes shops, which is considered the basis for possible entry into other European markets.

There are so far 13 shops in France and five of the earliest established, in Paris, are already in a trading profit. Others, including outlets in key provincial cities, are also close to getting into the black.

Another nine outlets, all under the Sephora banner, are planned to open during this financial year and the eventual aim is for a chain of 30.

Boots could not translate its chemist and consumer products mix to France because of regulations for pharmacies, which have to be separate

operations. There are similar regulations in many other countries, affecting most of those in Europe. The Sephora shops exploit for the first time France a middle ground between supermarket volume sales of cosmetics and the up-market outlets for expensive perfumes and toiletries.

Mr Terry Steel, a Boots director, said: "It looks as if the French operation will be bringing us a profits flow within two years."

Boots is still expanding its shops-within-shops concept to its bigger British stores. This year the number of cookshops - selling kitchenware - is expected to rise from 148 to about 192, its sound and vision products sections will go from 14 to about 50.

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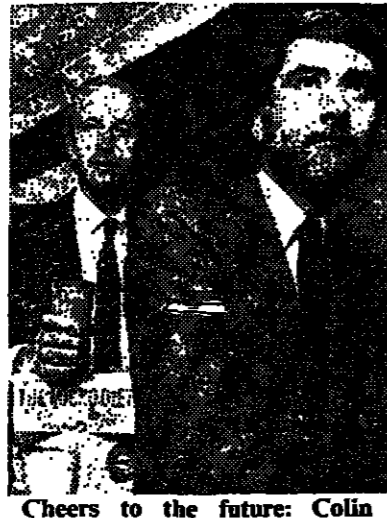
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Fat profit in calories

By Derek Harris
A business based at Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire has, in two years, gone from an unexpectedly slow launch to a turnover of £20 million a year.



Cheers to the future: Colin Rose, left, and Malcolm Nicholl of Uni-Vite

That sort of success is usually associated with high technology breakthroughs. This one springs from some esoteric reading and the logical development of the idea. Colin Rose, a marketing executive who turned to science publishing, came upon the concept of miniaturizing a maximum amount of nutrition into a minimum number of calories.

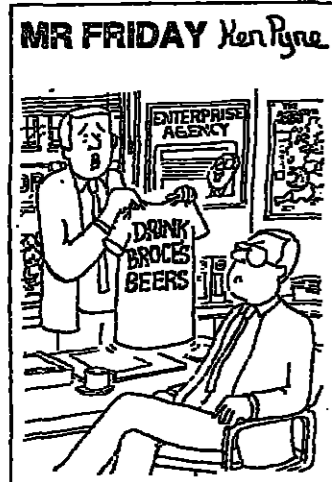
The idea of the Very Low Calorie Diet (VLCD) has been attracting scientific attention for 15 years. To ensure an adequate day's supply of protein, vitamins and minerals, conventional solid food diets contain at least 1,000 calories.

Why small is not so efficient

Britain's small companies are far less profitable and efficient than large ones, a new survey claims. It could upset expectations that small businesses are the white-hot hope for the economy, says Paul Burns, Professor of Small Business Development at the Cranfield Institute of Technology's School of Management.

His conclusions have emerged from financial analyses during research for a forthcoming book on small business in Europe.

The Bolton Committee, and later the Wilson Committee, fostered the belief that small businesses have shown higher profitability and could produce the jobs to alleviate unemployment, he points out. Later Government data on companies, covering just over a third of small businesses, suggests that by 1980 the smallest firms were performing badly when judged by return on all assets.



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Tennis: untroubled passage into singles final for Navratilova and Lloyd

Old pals' double act that is top of the ratings

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

They had to play 126 matches to prove a truism: the only players with a decent chance of winning women's singles at Wimbledon were always Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd.

Since Tracy Austin won the 1981 United States championship, Miss Navratilova or Mrs Lloyd has won every grand slam singles title a total of 14, shortly to be 15. The gap between these two and the rest, was exemplified by yesterday's semi-finals.

Note however, that Miss Garrison was seeded only eighth, Miss Rinaldi 16th, Miss Garrison, aged 31, was playing her fourth Wimbledon and Miss Rinaldi, aged 18, was playing her fifth.

Miss Garrison, the first black player to reach the women's semi-finals since Althea Gibson in 1958, was conceding three inches and more than a stone.

Miss Garrison's tennis is mercurial, unpredictable. Her shots are strange or beautifully thrilling. They shift from dreams to nightmare for no obvious reason.

It was hardly surprising that Miss Navratilova was infected by a mild version of Miss Garrison's inconstancy. At the heart of the match, six out of 11 games went to deuce.

Both players pounded away from the baseline, but in a positive, constructive way. They were like boxers intent on piling up points rather than going for a knock-out.



Long-running favourites: Martina Navratilova (left) and Chris Lloyd, who have been playing each other since 1973, on their way to another meeting in a Wimbledon final (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

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kind - and she was also Miss Rinaldi's superior in maintaining a full and accurate length under prolonged stress.

Peter Fleming and Paul McNamee are still on course for a possible doubles final with Peter Fleming and a former Wimbledon singles champion, John McEnroe.

The men's singles semi-finals are Kevin Curren v Jimmy Connors and Anders Jarryd v Boris Becker, aged 17, the youngest man ever to reach the last four and the first German to do so since Wilhelm Bungert in 1967.

Tim Glover meets the legendary 'bounding Basque'

The high-octane octogenarian who made Rolls-Royce chauffeurs gasp



Borotra: a volley as crisp as the crease on his flannels at the 1948 Wimbledon

While John McEnroe was making his exit on the centre stage another Wimbledon phenomenon was going down on an outside court, outside the All England Club that is.

And the result was not surprising since Mr Hough, a former secretary of the Queen's Club and a useful player in his day, was 31 years younger than his opponent, the Wimbledon men's singles champion in 1924 and 1926, on one of the hottest days of summer.

"I am having trouble with my service returns", Borotra said, sporting a pair of full-length white trousers and armed with one of the modern racquets which looks like an outsize frying pan.

The chauffeurs could not believe it when they were told his age. M Borotra, the "bounding Basque" of the famous black beret and leader of France's legendary four musketeers - Rene Lacoste, Jacques Brugnon and Henri Cochet, will be 87 on August 13.

Not content with being the oldest surviving Wimbledon men's singles champion, Borotra still finds time regularly to play the game he first learned in England, when, as a 13-year-old in 1912 he was sent to Kenley in Surrey to perfect his English.

He is a high octane octogenarian. He rarely misses a day at Wimbledon, every Wimbledon, although his mornings are spent

in meetings with the big oil companies. He was not long past his 21st birthday when he struck oil. Well, the next best thing, "I was playing in the Davis Cup in New York and for the first time in my life I saw a petrol pump. It was just a basic pump with no metre, no display, nothing. The Americans had so much petrol they didn't care."

The LTA has been moaning that it cannot afford £100,000 a year for foreign champions, such as Bob Brett, three times a Wimbledon quarter-finalist with five doubles titles.

Many observers of John McEnroe's protests during the second set of his defeat by Kevin Curren on Wednesday, in which he argued with umpires and referees, believe that Curren should have been awarded a penalty point. At 40-30 to Curran, this would have given him the game.

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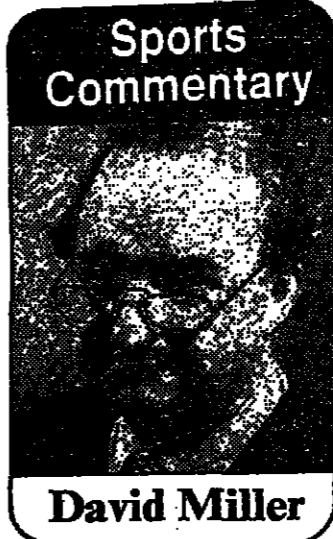
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David Miller

Anders Jarryd had not previously won a first round match at Wimbledon. But this year he agreed with the Swedish Federation to come early and put himself under the direction of Tony Pickard, the former Davis Cup player, who coaches Stefan Edberg.

The moral is that Jarryd, who is aged 23, has set an example to the 15 British players, out of 20 who failed to get through a round of singles by showing that there is always room for humility and hard work.

In any sport other than tennis, Britain's failure this past fortnight would be regarded as a national sporting scandal.

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Success of repairs will decide the field

By John Nicholls

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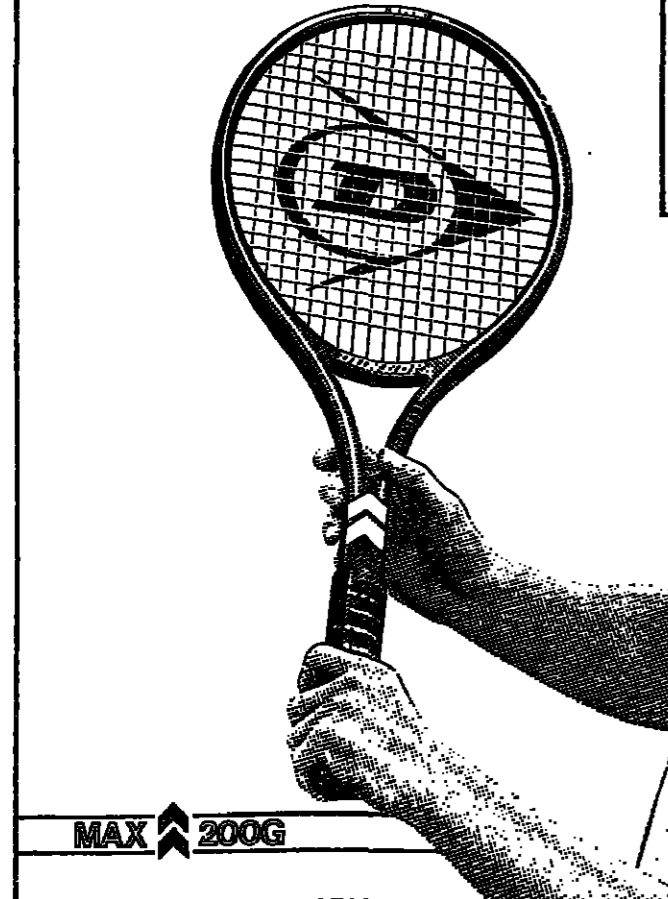
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Court of Appeal

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Citizen living abroad cannot adopt child

Regina v Greenwich London Borough Council, Ex parte Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Sir John Megaw [Judgment delivered July 2]

permission and, it seemed, without Mr Patel's knowledge. In September 1979 Mrs Patel applied for planning permission for the erection of a single storey store for adjoining shop at the rear of 56 Shrewsbury Lane, Mrs S. M. Patel was stated also to own 56 Shrewsbury Lane.

heard, that any departure from that principle rendered any decision or action based on such a decision a nullity, that accordingly the enforcement notice which was not served on Mr Patel was a nullity and that the court should follow the dicta of the First Division of the Court of Session in McLeod v Clydebank DC (1984) 1 PL 579.

in the adoption application AA 121/1984. Before Mr Justice Sheldon (Judgment delivered June 28) A step-father domiciled in England but living abroad with no home in England could not adopt jointly with his wife her children as there could be no compliance with section 9 of the Children Act 1975.

have been afforded... (h)... to the local authority within whose area the home is. Miss Judith Hughes, for the applicants, Mr E. James Holman for the respondent, Mr Justice Gillian Phillips, solicitor, for the local authority.

order to be made on the application of a person domiciled in England was not ordinarily resident in Great Britain. An application could not be made if the child had been continuously in the care of the applicant for at least three months and the application required no additional residential qualifications save that in a joint application by a parent and a person living together in Great Britain for at least one of those three months.

for the purpose of the adoption proceedings, must be a local authority in England or Wales. An adoption order could not be made unless, having given notice of the intention to adopt under section 18(1), the applicant had a home in the area of the local authority and the local authority to see the child with the applicant in the home environment (section 9).

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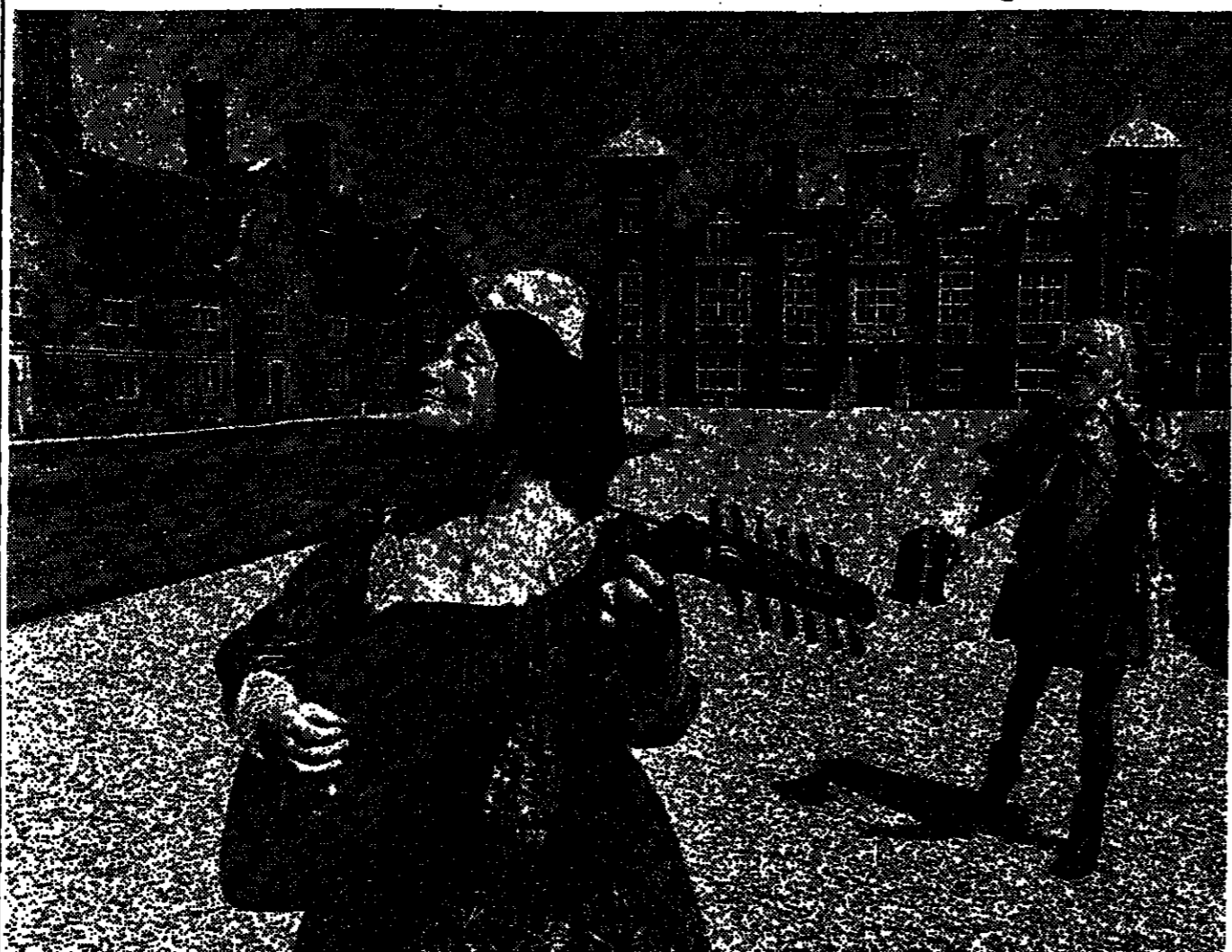
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By Richard Dowden
The "black box" flight recorder of the Air-India jumbo jet which crashed off Ireland 12 days ago may have been located.

Falstaff is home after 400 years



Falstaff returns to his original home as Wendy MacPhee as Mistress Ford and Frank Jarvis as Falstaff rehearse for the Theatre Set-Up production of The Merry Wives of Windsor at Bickling Hall, Norfolk yesterday.

Scargill wins vote on job for life

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only to voting members of the executive.

Mr Scargill argued yesterday that he had been beyond the reach of the Act even under the old rule book because the casting vote belonged to the chairman of an executive meeting rather than to the president ex-officio.

Mr Raymond Link, the Nottinghamshire general secretary, who led yesterday's conference walk-out, said the new code was "totally abhorrent".

Hospital contracts save only £9m

By Nicholas Timmins
The Government's privatization programme for hospital cleaning, laundry and catering is "hardly startling success so far", according to the House of Commons Select Committee on Social Services.

Linda Christmas in the Commons

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Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen opens the Mariner Leisure Centre, Falkirk, 11, and later visits the Scottish Police College at Kinross-on-Forth, by Aulou, 12.35.

Food prices

Now that summer appears to have arrived at last, outdoor meals and barbecues have a particular attraction. There are plenty of good meat buys in the shops, such as Dovesburg park chops for £1.28 to £1.34 and 78p respectively.

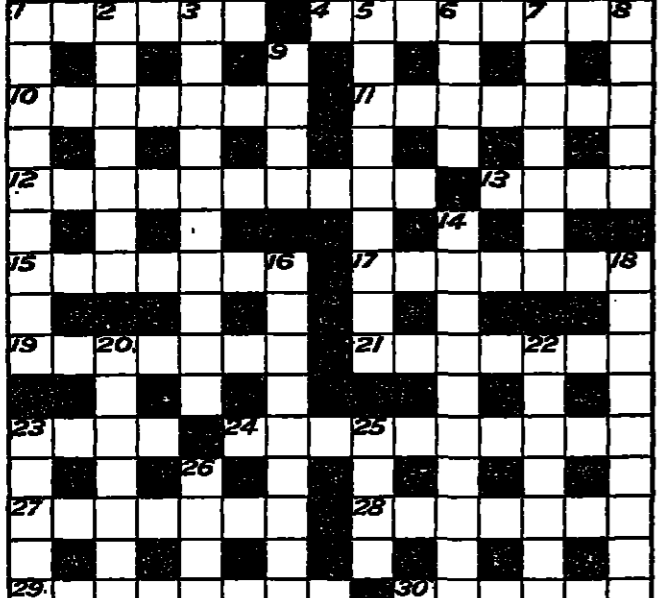
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London and South-east: M1: Contrail at junction 8. Hemel Hempstead. Herts: no entrance or exit at junction: all drivers avoid.

Weather forecast

A thundery low over southern England will move away northwards as a frontal trough crosses most parts from W.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,781



Top films

The top box-office films in London:
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(1) Tighrope
(2) Dune
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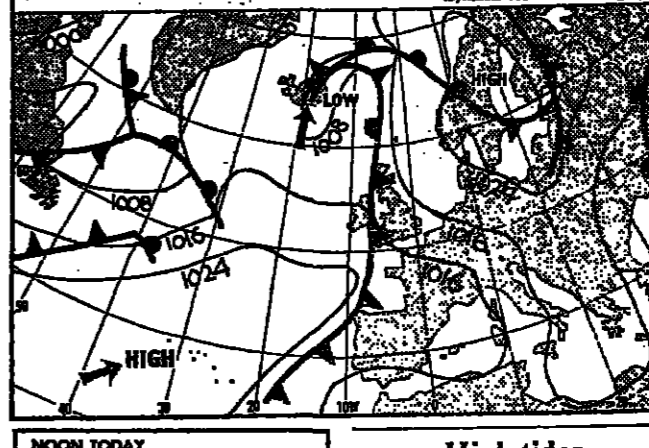
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High tides



Around Britain

Table with columns for location, sun, rain, wind, and temperature. Locations include East Coast, South Coast, and West Coast.

Bond winners

The winners in this week's draw for £10,000 Premium Bond prizes were: 28AB 136892 (winner lives in Lancashire); 2HL 880218 (Lincolnshire); 8PZ 049198 (West Yorkshire); 10FW 225628 (Manchester); 5YB 764589 (Northamptonshire).

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Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia \$, Austria S, Belgium F, etc.

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